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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

1898.

Term expires January, 1899.

Willard S. Allen,
Fanny B. Ames,
I. Austin Bassett,
William T. Eaton,
Samuel F. Hubbard,
Elizabeth C. Keller,
A. Lawrence Lowell,
Isaac F. Paul.

Term expires January, 1900.

Frank E. Bateman,
William H. Bowdlear,
Francis L. Coolidge,
Edward H. Dunn,
Emily A. Fifield,
Charles Fleischer,
Henry D. Huggan,
James A. McDonald.

Term expires January, 1901.

Edward I. Aldrich,
George W. Anderson,
Charles L. Burrill,
Samuel H. Calderwood,
Samuel E. Courtney,
Archibald T. Davison,
William J. Gallivan,
Thomas F. Strange.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 10, 1898.

The meeting for the organization of the Board of School Committee of the City of Boston, for this municipal year, was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, on Monday, Jan. 10, 1898, being the second Monday in said month, at seven and one-half o'clock, P.M.

Present: all the members.

The Board was called to order by Mr. Willard S. Allen, the senior member present.

At the request of the Chair, prayer was offered by Rev. Charles G. Ames.

The following members of the Board of last year continue in office, having unexpired terms: Mr. Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bassett, Bateman, Bowdlear, Coolidge, Dunn, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell, McDonald, and Paul. Members with unexpired terms.

The Chair read the following:

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS,
OLD COURT-HOUSE, COURT SQUARE,
BOSTON, Jan. 1, 1898.

Communication from Board of Election Commissioners; members-elect of School Committee.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, ESQ., *Secretary School Committee:*

DEAR SIR: We hereby certify that as appears by the votes cast for members of the School Committee at the municipal election, held on the 21st ult., in the city of Boston, the following-named persons were elected:

EDWARD I. ALDRICH	35 Gardner street.
GEORGE W. ANDERSON . . .	Robinwood avenue.
CHARLES L. BURRILL	9 Beacon street.
SAMUEL H. CALDERWOOD . .	2512 Washington street.
SAMUEL E. COURTNEY	98 West Springfield street.

Archibald T. Davison . . .	394 Washington street.
William J. Gallivan . . .	743 East Broadway.
Thomas F. Strange	644 Dudley street.

Respectfully yours,

Board of Election Commissioners,

M. W. BURLEN,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

Credentials of members-elect.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Strange, Dunn, and Mrs. Keller a committee to collect the certificates of members-elect.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported that credentials had been received from the newly elected members as follows: For three years — Edward I. Aldrich, Charles L. Burrill, Samuel H. Calderwood, Samuel E. Courtney, William J. Gallivan, Thomas F. Strange; no credentials received from George W. Anderson and Archibald T. Davison.

The report was accepted, and the credentials placed on file.

Mr. Paul moved that members reported by the Board of Election Commissioners who had failed to present their credentials be allowed to take part in the proceedings of the meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Subsequently Mr. Archibald T. Davison presented his credentials, which were placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was

Rules and Regulations adopted.

Ordered, That the Rules of the Board and the Regulations of the public schools of last year which do not involve the expenditure of money be adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was

Rules and Regulations adopted.

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involve the expenditure of money be adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the Board proceeded to ballot for a President. Election of President.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Courtney, Anderson, and Mrs. Ames a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 24; necessary for a choice, 13. Henry D. Huggan elected President.

Isaac F. Paul had 1 vote; Edward H. Dunn had 6 votes; Henry D. Huggan had 17 votes, and was declared elected as President of the Board.

The Chair appointed Mr. Dunn and Mrs. Fifield a committee to conduct the President to the chair.

The President in the chair.

The President made the following address:

Ladies and Gentlemen: I thank you sincerely for the great compliment you have paid me in reëlecting me to this honorable position. It is gratifying to me to receive so large a vote on my reëlection to this important office. Realizing as I do the responsibilities of this office, I trust that I may receive your coöperation so that I may be enabled to dispatch the business of the Board in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. Important as the duties of the presiding officer may be, I need not remind you that an equal responsibility rests upon every member of this Board in carrying on the work of committees and shaping legislation which will be for the best interests of our schools.

We are all proud of the schools of this city. We are proud also of what the School Board stands for and represents, and what it has accomplished for the boys and girls of this great municipality. Let us then, fellow-members, unitedly and earnestly take up the unfinished work of 1897 with the work of 1898 and carry it forward as speedily as possible, so that every child in this city may have the most favorable conditions to aid him in obtaining a good education.

There are several things about which I might speak, but in view of the fact that so large a number of the members of last year's Board continue this year it seems unnecessary to particularize at this time.

I know you will allow me, however, to mention one matter which in my judgment is of vital importance not only to this Board, but to the educational interests of the city of Boston.

I refer to the appropriations which will be required to provide new school buildings in different sections of this city. This I believe to be the most important question with which this Board will have to deal, and one which should receive its earnest and immediate attention with a view of securing at an early day ample and proper school accommodations for every child within the city limits. Whether it is to the City Government or to the State Legislature we have got to go for relief is a matter for this Board to decide. One thing is evident, ladies and gentlemen, the citizens of Boston will demand that the School Committee provide the accommodations for their children to which they are justly entitled. I know, fellow-members, that it is your intention and it will be your aim to give this all-important matter your best thought and attention, so that we may demonstrate to the citizens of Boston that the School Board of 1898 has done everything in its power for the comfort and educational welfare of their children. Then and only then can it be said that we have been true to ourselves, and done our duty as members of this Board.

Fellow-members, again I thank you for the very great honor you have done me. I have come to the chair absolutely unpledged, and shall do impartially what I believe for the best interests of the public schools and the city of Boston; and, I assure you, I shall put forth every effort to deserve the confidence of the members of the Board.

The Chair awaits the pleasure of the Board.

Election of Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, the Board proceeded to the election of a Secretary, and Messrs. Bassett, Davison, and Coolidge were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 23; necessary for a choice, 12. Thornton D. Apollonio had 23 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Secretary qualified.

The Secretary of the Board was qualified as Secretary of the Corporation, taking the oath of office.

Election of Auditing Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board proceeded to the election of an Auditing Clerk, and Mr. Allen, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Aldrich were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They

reported the whole number of votes to be 24; necessary for a choice, 13. William J. Porter had 24 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the Board proceeded to the election of a Messenger, and Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald and Burrill, were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice, 12. Alvah H. Peters had 22 votes, and was accordingly declared elected. Election of Messenger.

On motion of Mr. Davison, the Board proceeded to the election of a Treasurer of the Corporation, and Messrs. Davison, Hubbard, and Bowdlear were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 17; necessary for a choice, 9. James A. McDonald had 17 votes, and was accordingly declared elected. Election of Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, it was

Ordered, That the unfinished business of last year, referred to this Board, be referred to the appropriate committees, when appointed. Unfinished business referred.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Ordered, That when the Board adjourns, it be to meet in this room on Thursday, Jan. 13, 1898, at five o'clock P.M. Adjourned meeting.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 13, 1898.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at five o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Aldrich, Davison, Dunn, and McDonald.

On motion of Mrs. Ames, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Credentials of George W. Anderson.

The Chair stated that the credentials of Mr. George W. Anderson had been received, and would be placed on file.

The Chair appointed the following standing committees, also the Normal, High School, and Division Committees, viz.:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing committees.

Accounts. — Willard S. Allen, Chairman; Messrs. Dunn, Gallivan, Bassett, and Hubbard.

Annual Report. — Francis L. Coolidge, Chairman; Mrs. Fifield and Mr. Aldrich.

Drawing. — James A. McDonald, Chairman; Messrs. Paul, Davison, Mrs. Ames, and Mr. Fleischer.

Elections. — Frank E. Bateman, Chairman; Messrs. Calderwood and Burrill.

Evening Schools. — Isaac F. Paul, Chairman; Messrs. Anderson, Allen, Huggan, and Fleischer.

Examinations. — Charles Fleischer, Chairman; Messrs. Strange, Courtney, Bateman, and Burrill.

Horace Mann School. — Elizabeth C. Keller, Chairman; Messrs. Fleischer and Bateman.

Hygiene and Physical Training. — Samuel H. Calderwood, Chairman; Messrs. McDonald, Hubbard, Mrs. Ames, and Mr. Bateman.

Kindergartens. — Emily A. Fifield, Chairman; Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Fleischer, Burrill, and Aldrich.

Legislative Matters. — William T. Eaton, Chairman; Messrs. Bassett and Lowell.

Manual Training. — Emily A. Fifield, Chairman; Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Hubbard, Eaton, and Paul.

Music. — I. Austin Bassett, Chairman; Messrs. Anderson, Paul, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Davison.

Nominations. — Thomas F. Strange, Chairman; Messrs. McDonald, Eaton, Bowdlear, and Aldrich.

Rules and Regulations. — George W. Anderson, Chairman; Messrs. Hubbard, Gallivan, Lowell, and Bowdlear.

Salaries. — I. Austin Bassett, Chairman; Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Gallivan, Coolidge, and Burrill.

School-houses. — Edward H. Dunn, Chairman; Messrs. Strange, Lowell, Eaton, and Coolidge.

Supplies. — Archibald T. Davison, Chairman; Messrs. Huggan, Calderwood, Coolidge, and Courtney.

Text-books. — James A. McDonald, Chairman; Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Allen, Anderson, and Strange.

Truant Officers. — Samuel F. Hubbard, Chairman; Messrs. McDonald, Huggan, Courtney, and Bowdlear.

NORMAL, HIGH SCHOOL, AND DIVISION COMMITTEES.

(*Alphabetical order. — Chairmen elective.*)

Normal, High School, and Division Committees.

Normal School. — Mr. Aldrich, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bowdlear, Courtney, and Huggan.

High Schools. — Messrs. Allen, Calderwood, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Gallivan.

First Division. — Messrs. Allen, Bateman, Dunn, Huggan, and McDonald.

Second Division. — Messrs. Allen, Bateman, Hubbard, Huggan, and McDonald.

Third Division. — Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Burrill, Courtney, Hubbard, and Paul.

Fourth Division. — Messrs. Burrill, Coolidge, Dunn, Lowell, and Paul.

Fifth Division. — Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Coolidge, Courtney, Fleischer, and Gallivan.

Sixth Division. — Messrs. Bowdlear, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Gallivan.

Seventh Division. — Messrs. Aldrich, Bassett, Calderwood, Eaton, and Strange.

Eighth Division. — Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bowdlear, Calderwood, and Mrs. Keller.

Ninth Division. — Messrs. Bassett, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer and Strange.

The Chair stated that the question was on the approval of the appointments.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the question was divided, and each committee was taken up separately.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on Accounts.

Approved.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on Annual Report.

Approved.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on Drawing.

Approved.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on Elections.

Approved.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on Evening Schools.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the name of each member of said committee was taken up separately.

The several members were individually approved.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on Examinations.

Approved.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on Horace Mann School.

Approved.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training.

Approved.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on Kindergartens.

Approved.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on Legislative Matters.

Approved.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on Manual Training.

Approved.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on Music.

Approved.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on Nominations.

Approved.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Approved.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on Salaries.

Approved.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Gallivan moved to amend the appointments as made by the Chair, by substituting the name Paul for the name Coolidge.

Mr. Allen raised the point of order that as section 2 of chapter 1 of the Rules and Regulations provides that the President shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Board, the several standing committees, Mr. Gallivan's motion could not be entertained except under a suspension of the rules.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the yeas and nays were ordered on approving the appointment of each member of the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of Mr. Dunn as a member of the Committee on School Houses.

The appointment was approved by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Mr. Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Bateman, Bowdlear, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell, Paul, and Strange — 20.

Nays: None.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Aldrich, Davison, Dunn, and McDonald.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of Mr. Strange as a member of the Committee on School Houses.

The appointment was approved by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Mr. Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Bateman, Bowdlear, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell and Paul — 19.

Nays: None.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Aldrich, Davison, Dunn, McDonald, and Strange.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of Mr. Lowell as a member of the Committee on School Houses.

The appointment was approved by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Mr. Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Bowdlear, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Strange — 17.

Nays: Messrs. Bateman and Paul — 2.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Aldrich, Davison, Dunn, Lowell, and McDonald.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of Mr. Eaton as a member of the Committee on School Houses.

The appointment was approved by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Mr. Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Bateman, Bowdlear, Burrill, Calderwood,

Coolidge, Courtney, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell, Paul, and Strange — 19.

Nays: None.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Aldrich, Davison, Dunn, Eaton, and McDonald.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of Mr. Coolidge as a member of the Committee on School Houses.

The appointment was approved by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Mr. Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bassett, Bowdlear, Burrill, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell and Strange — 14.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Calderwood, Gallivan, and Paul — 5.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Aldrich, Coolidge, Davison, Dunn, and McDonald.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on Supplies.

Approved.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on Text-Books.

Approved.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on Truant Officers.

Approved.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on Normal School.

Approved.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, the name of each member of said committee was taken up separately.

The appointments of Messrs. Allen and Calderwood were approved.

Mr. Bateman moved that the yeas and nays be ordered on the appointment of Mr. Davison as a member of said committee.

Lost.

The appointments of Mr. Davison, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Gallivan were severally approved.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on the First Division.

Approved.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on the Second Division.

Approved.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on the Third Division.

Approved.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on the Fourth Division.

Approved.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the appointments of the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Division Committees were taken up together.

The appointments were approved.

Mr. Anderson presented the following:

Communication from Twentieth Century Club, relative to accommodations for proposed "Free Lectures for the People."

TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB,
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
14 ASHBURTON PL., BOSTON, Jan. 10, 1898.

To the School Committee of Boston:

The undersigned, acting for a Committee of the Education Department of the Twentieth Century Club, respectfully petitions you to give aid, as indicated below, in the establishment of an experimental series of "Free Lectures for the People," similar to the

Free Lectures given for several years past in New York City, under the authority of the Board of Education of that city.

The lectures in New York, given in the public school-room, have embraced a large variety of subjects, and have been attended by a remarkable number of persons — nearly 427,000 in the season of 1896–97. Some subjects treated are named on the enclosed slip.

The proposal to establish a series of similar lectures in Boston this winter and spring, under the auspices of the Twentieth Century Club, has met with hearty approval from a large number of representative citizens of Boston, to whom it has been submitted. Their names are given on an accompanying paper.

We therefore respectfully petition that we be allowed the use, free of expense, of six school-rooms, six evenings each, in such parts of the city as would be most accessible to the desired audiences, *the working classes;* further, that we be allowed to ask the teachers of these and neighboring schools to distribute to their scholars brief announcements of the lectures (as is done in the New York schools), thus bringing the lectures to the knowledge of the scholars' parents.

If it be your pleasure, I should be glad to make fuller statement concerning the proposed lectures, verbally, at your convenience.

Very respectfully,

W. M. DAVIS,

Chairman Com. on Free Lectures for the People.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was

Ordered, That the request of the Education Department of the Twentieth Century Club and others, that six school-rooms or halls be opened for six evenings each, for a course of free lectures, be granted, and that announcements thereof in the schools be permitted; the school-rooms to be designated and the subjects to be approved by the Superintendent and the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors and of the committee in charge, presented the following nomination:

ON PROBATION.

Election of teacher on probation.

Horace Mann School. — Stella E. Weaver, assistant, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, presented the Annual Report of that committee in print. (School Document No. 18, 1897.)

Accepted.

Mr. Bateman presented the Annual Report of the School Committee for 1897. (School Document No. 19, 1897.)

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, it was

Ordered, That the several committees may, with the permission of the Board, make any report in print which they deem proper.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 25, 1898.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the Chair.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Ames, Mr. Dunn, and Mrs. Fifield.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council requesting that gas and gas-fixtures be furnished for the Baldwin School.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 13, 1898.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish gas and gas fixtures for the Baldwin School, Chardon street.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 13, 1898.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Jan. 15, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of land for enlargement of George Putnam School-house lot.

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, Jan. 14, 1898.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

In compliance with the request contained in your order of Dec. 28, 1897, the Board of Street Commissioners have this day taken for school purposes — for an addition to the George Putnam School-house estate, Columbus avenue — twenty thousand two hundred

square feet, more or less, of land on School street, at West Roxbury, and their decree of such taking has been this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Appointment of Nellie M. Cronin, clerk in office of Secretary.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, BOSTON, Jan. 25, 1898.

MR. HENRY D. HUGGAN, *President of the School Committee:*

DEAR SIR: In accordance with the regulations, I respectfully ask the approval of the Board to the appointment of Miss Nellie M. Cronin as clerk in my office, the term of service to begin Jan. 10, 1898.

Respectfully yours,

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

Approved.

The Chair read the following:

Resignation of Edward H. Dunn as member of School Committee.

BOSTON, Jan. 25, 1898.

HENRY D. HUGGAN, ESQ., *President of the Boston School Committee:*

DEAR SIR: I hereby resign my position as a member of the Boston School Committee.

Respectfully yours,

EDWARD H. DUNN.

Mr. Anderson moved that the resignation be not accepted, be not placed on file, and that the Board request Mr. Dunn to withdraw it.

Passed unanimously.

The Chair read the following:

Resignation of S. H. Calderwood from Committee on Eighth Division.

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 25, 1898.

MR. HENRY D. HUGGAN, *President of the School Committee:*

DEAR SIR: I beg herewith to tender my resignation as a member of the Committee on the Eighth Division.

Very truly yours,

S. H. CALDERWOOD.

Accepted.

The Chair appointed Mr. Coolidge a member of the Committee on the Eighth Division. Appointment on committee.

Approved.

The Chair read the following:

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 25, 1898. Resignation of Francis L. Coolidge from Committee on Fifth Division.

MR. HENRY D. HUGGAN, *President of the School Committee:*

DEAR SIR: I hereby present my resignation as a member of the Committee on the Fifth Division.

Yours truly,

FRANCIS L. COOLIDGE.

Accepted.

The Chair appointed Mr. Calderwood a member of the Committee on the Fifth Division. Appointment on committee.

Approved.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following reports, those coming under the provisions of section 81 of the Rules being in accordance with the written recommendations of the Board of Supervisors: Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Chapman District. — Margaret B. Erskine, assistant, Grammar School, Jan. 24, 1898. Resignations of teachers.

Hyde District. — Mary G. Murphy, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1897.

School-street Kindergarten. — Alice Fobes, assistant, Jan. 3, 1898.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Hancock District. — Anna M. T. Sheehan, from Dec. 20, 1897; Margaret G. Melia, from Jan. 3, 1898. Special assistants.

Sherwin District. — Mary F. Sullivan, from Jan. 13, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

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TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Bigelow District. — Margaret E. Roche, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 25, 1898.

Chapman District. — Lilian G. Farmer, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 11, 1898.

Christopher Gibson District. — Viola M. I. Clark, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 29, 1897.

Dudley District. — Mary Polk, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 28, 1898.

Eliot District. — Viola M. Allen, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 18, 1898.

Lowell District. — Mary E. Kinney, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 3, 1898.

Lyman District. — Elizabeth C. Quirk, assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 3, 1898.

Quincy District. — Blanche F. Harrington, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 31, 1898.

Rice Training School. — Frances M. Campbell, assistant, from Jan. 24, 1898.

Schools of Cookery. — Elizabeth T. Sumner, instructor, from Nov. 1, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Chapman District. — Gertrude L. Gardner, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Jan. 24, 1898.

Dillaway District. — Florence W. Aiken, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 3, 1898.

Longfellow District. — Adalyn P. Henderson, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Feb. 1, 1898.

Norcross District. — Mary R. Roberts, first assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Wells District. — Mary A. Leavens, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 16, 1897.

Kindergartens.

Cudworth School. — Charlena D. Hoyt, assistant, from Oct. 18, 1897.

Greenwood Hall. — Alice Fobes, principal, from Jan. 3, 1898.

Mr. Gallivan moved that the nomination on probation of Mary E. Roberts, as first assistant, Grammar School, in the Norcross District, be recommitted to the Committee on the Sixth Division, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Gallivan's motion to recommit passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Anderson, Bassett, Bateman, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Fleischer, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell, McDonald, Paul, and Strange — 18.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Bowdlear, and Eaton — 3.

Absent: Mrs. Ames, Mr. Dunn, and Mrs. Fifield.

Accepted, and the nominations on probation as presented by the Committee on Nominations, with the exception of that of Miss Roberts, confirmed.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Confirmation of teachers.

Boys' Latin School. — William P. Henderson, junior-master.

Roxbury High School. — Jennie R. Ware, assistant principal.

Eliot District. — Martha J. Ambrose, Susie F. Jordan, assistants, Grammar School.

Hancock District. — Mary R. Thomas, assistant, Grammar School; Mary G. Mahar, Mary F. Malone, assistants, Primary School.

Longfellow District. — Jennie A. Owens, assistant, Grammar School.

Mather District. — Arthur A. Lincoln, sub-master.

Roger Clap District. — Alice B. Hennessey, assistant, Primary School.

Wells District. — Hope J. Kirby, first assistant, Grammar School; Mary E. O'Leary, assistant, Primary School.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Assistants in Evening Schools.

Mather School. — Assistant, Frances M. Campbell, from Jan. 17, 1898.

Quincy School. — Assistant, Calliope S. Vaitses, from Jan. 3, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Normal School. — Larkin Dunton, head-master, from Jan. 20, 1898, until March 20, 1898.

Girls' Latin School. — Jane R. Sheldon, assistant, from Jan. 3, 1898, until March 1, 1898; Grace E. H. Casey, substitute.

Emerson District. — H. Elizabeth Cutter, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 4, 1898, until June 4, 1898; Mary A. D. Maclean, substitute.

Everett District. — Eliza C. Gould, first assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 10, 1898, until May 10,

1898; E. Florence Fisher, substitute. Mary H. Downe, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 3, 1898, until May 2, 1898; Sarah E. Crocker, substitute.

George Putnam District. — Ellen E. Leach, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 7, 1898, until May 7, 1898; Winifred S. Sanborn, substitute.

Lowell District. — Eliza C. Fisher, first assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 24, 1898, until May 24, 1898; Mary W. French, substitute.

Lyman District. — Mary P. E. Tewksbury, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 13, 1897, until March 1, 1898; Ellen A. Dillingham, substitute. Lena E. Synette, assistant, Primary School, Dec. 3, 1897, until March 1, 1898; Martha F. Titus, substitute.

Warren District. — Fannie L. Osgood, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 9, 1898, until March 9, 1898; Josephine E. Clark, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Order for City Treasurer to issue bonds for $650,000 for new school-houses.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be requested to issue, during the current year, negotiable bonds of the city to the amount of six hundred fifty thousand dollars ($650,000), and to hold the proceeds of the same in the treasury, and pay therefrom the expenses incurred for lands taken and the building and furnishing of School-houses, under the provisions of chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897.

Report of Committee on School Houses; petition to General Court for additional amount of $800,000 to be expended under provisions of

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order that the President of the School Committee be authorized to petition the General Court for an additional amount of eight hundred thousand dollars, to be expended for additional High and Latin School accommodations,

chapter 408 of Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of Acts of 1897.

reported that the present available appropriation is insufficient to cover the cost of the four new High School buildings for which plans are now being prepared, and that a further appropriation should be provided for the purpose. Your committee therefore recommend that the following order be passed:

Ordered, That the President of the School Committee be hereby authorized to petition the General Court for an additional amount of eight hundred thousand dollars to be expended by this Board in accordance with the provisions of chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, for additional High and Latin School accommodations.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Courtney moved that the order appended to the report of the Committee on School Houses be amended so as to read as follows:

Ordered, That the President of the School Committee be hereby authorized to petition the General Court for an additional amount of one million dollars to be expended by this Board in accordance with the provisions of chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, for additional High, Latin, and Normal School accommodations.

Mr. Paul moved to amend the amendment offered by Mr. Courtney by striking out the words "High, Latin, and Normal," and, on his motion, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Paul's motion to amend was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bassett, Bateman, Burrill, Gallivan, Lowell, and Paul — 8.

Nays: Messrs. Allen, Bowdlear, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Eaton, Fleischer, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald and Strange — 12.

Absent or not voting: Mrs. Ames, Mr. Dunn, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Hubbard.

Mr. Fleischer offered the following substitute order:

Ordered, That the President of the School Committee be hereby authorized to petition the General Court for an additional amount of one million dollars to be expended by this Board in accordance with the provisions of chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, for additional High, Latin, and Normal School accommodations, and for other general school accommodations.

Mr. Bateman moved that the whole question be laid on the table.

Lost.

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order that the order offered by Mr. Fleischer was, in substance and effect, the same as the motion which the Board had previously refused to pass, and therefore could not be entertained.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Mr. Courtney's motion to amend passed.

The order as amended passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; petition to General Court for amendment to section 24 of chapter 419 of Acts of 1892, relative to erection of school-houses.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order that the President of the School Committee be authorized to petition the General Court for an amendment to section 24 of chapter 419 of the Acts of 1892, so as to permit the erection and occupation for school purposes of one-story wooden buildings in the city of Boston, outside of the building limits, reported that in the opinion of this committee, further legislation is required in this connection, and they accordingly recommend the passage of the appended order.

Ordered, That the President of the School Committee be hereby authorized to petition the General Court for

such amendments to the laws governing the construction and use of school buildings as will permit the erection and occupancy, for school purposes, of buildings not of fireproof construction, outside the building limits of the city of Boston, and the temporary use of similar buildings for the same purposes within said limits.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was

Control and support of Normal School to be assumed by Commonwealth.

Ordered, That the Committee on Normal School consider and report as soon as possible the expediency of requesting the Commonwealth to assume the control and support of the Normal School now maintained by the city of Boston.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, offered the following:

Amendment of Rules relative to length of time teachers shall remain on probation.

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows:

SECT. 93. Insert after the word "position," in the twenty-third line, the words, "No teacher failing of confirmation, after serving two years on probation in the same position, shall be longer employed."

Passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; petition to General Court for amendment to section 7 of chapter 241 of Acts of 1875, relative to election of Superintendent and Supervisors.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order that the Superintendent and members of the Board of Supervisors shall hold office for the term of three instead of two years, as at present, and that the term of but two supervisors shall expire in any one year, reported that this proposition has been carefully and favorably considered. This committee recommend that the President be authorized to petition for the necessary legislation, as suggested in the order referred, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the President of the School Committee be hereby authorized to petition the General

Court for an amendment to section 7 of chapter 241 of the Acts of 1875, so as to provide that at the election occurring in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, the School Committee shall elect a Superintendent and two Supervisors for the term of three years; two Supervisors for the term of two years; and two Supervisors for the term of one year; and that thereafter the School Committee shall annually elect two Supervisors for the term of three years; and shall triennially elect a Superintendent who shall hold office for the term of three years.

Accepted.

The order was lost.

Mr. Paul offered the following:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to appointment of instructors, etc.

SECT. 81. Strike out all after the word "Nominations," in the seventh line, to and including the words "Board of Supervisors," in the nineteenth line.

SECT. 84. Strike out the words "obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors," in the eighth and ninth lines, and insert in place thereof the words, "conferring with the principals."

SECT. 90. Strike out the words "after obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors," in the fourth and fifth lines, and insert in place thereof the words, "after consulting with the Board of Supervisors."

Strike out, in the second paragraph, all after the word "election," in the sixth line.

SECT. 91. Strike out the words "after obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors," in the second, third, and fourth lines, and insert in place thereof the words, "in consultation with the principal."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to abolishing the several Division Committees.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to consider and report upon the expediency of abolishing the several Division Committees as provided for in section 4 of the Rules, and to recommend some plan by which the duties at present assigned to those committees may be otherwise promptly and efficiently performed.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Dismissal of classes in Cross-street Primary School.

Ordered, That the principal of the Cross-street Primary School be empowered to dismiss the two classes in the Cross-street Primary School building whenever the atmosphere becomes so impure as to prevent proper work on the part of the children. In every case of such dismissal, the principal shall make a written report thereof to the Superintendent.

Referred to the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on Normal School, offered the following:

Course of lectures given by Dr. Hartwell to Normal School pupils.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Normal School be authorized to employ Dr. E. M. Hartwell to continue the course of lectures formerly given by him as Director of Physical Training, for the benefit of the pupils in the Normal School.

Referred to the Joint Committee on Accounts and Hygiene and Physical Training.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on Fifth Division, offered the following:

Leave of absence granted Esther H. Fletcher, without pay.

Ordered, That Esther H. Fletcher, first assistant, Grammar School, in the Hyde District, be granted extended leave of absence, without pay, from Feb. 3, 1898, until Sept. 1, 1898.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to so amend the Rules and Regulations as to provide that the minutes of the sub-committees of this Board be printed and distributed to the members of the School Committee.

Amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to printed minutes of sub-committees.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board,— Sept. 14, 1897,— that one thousand copies of the Commercial Course of Study for High Schools be printed, be and the same hereby is rescinded.

Order that Commercial Course of Study for High Schools be printed, rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Fleischer, for the Committee on Examinations, it was

Ordered, That two thousand copies of the Course of Study for High Schools, with corrections and additions to date, be printed.

Course of Study for High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Fleischer, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to consider and report upon the expediency of amending the Rules and Regulations so as to provide that the Board of Supervisors may grant certificates of proficiency to such pupils in the High and Latin Schools as have satisfactorily completed a part of the authorized course of study.

Amendment of Rules and Regulations; certificates of proficiency to pupils in High and Latin Schools.

Mr. Fleischer, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be authorized to admit to the High School, Class A, examination, to be held in April, 1898, members of senior classes in colleges, who are otherwise eligible, either by having had a year's experience in teaching, or by being gradu-

Examinations for High School, Class A, certificates.

ates of a State Normal School, or by having substantially completed a satisfactory course in pedagogy.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

Erection of ten-room Primary School building in Warren District.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to erect at once a ten-room Primary School building in the Warren District, Charlestown.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, it was

Erection of ten-room Primary School building in Frothingham District.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to erect at once a ten-room Primary School building on the Chestnut and Adams street lot, in the Frothingham District, Charlestown.

On motion of Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Salary of clerk in office of Secretary.

Ordered, That the salary of Nellie M. Cronin, assistant in the office of the Secretary, be fixed at the rate of six hundred dollars ($600) per annum, to date from Jan. 10, 1898.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Unsanitary condition of Bowditch School-house.

Ordered, That the attention of the Committee on School Houses be called to the complaints made by residents in the neighborhood of the Bowditch School, of the offensive odors caused by the present method of disposing of the contents of the vault of the building, and that immediate steps be taken to provide proper sewer connections for the sanitary accommodations of the school.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, offered the following:

Additional first assistant in Longfellow District.

Ordered, That a second first assistant, Grammar School, be allowed in the Longfellow District.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on Legislative Matters, it was

Ordered, That the President of the School Committee be hereby authorized to petition the General Court for such legislation as may be necessary to vest finally and conclusively in this committee the power to make on school buildings any additions, alterations, and repairs for school purposes which it deems to be necessary, and to expend any moneys appropriated by the City Council for such purposes.

Petition to General Court; power to make additions, alterations, etc., to school-houses, to be vested in School Committee.

Mr. Bassett presented the following petition :

To the Honorable the School Board of the City of Boston :

We, the undersigned citizens and residents of Boston, Dorchester District, do hereby petition your honorable body to take such means as may be necessary to secure for the city that portion of land which lays between the land occupied by the "Gilbert Stuart School" and Dorchester avenue. Said land is about two hundred (200) feet on Dorchester avenue, and sixty (60) feet on Richmond street, being twelve thousand (12,000) feet more or less. The above-described land is now practically unoccupied and should, your petitioners think, be secured by the city, as the present owners are contemplating building a block on this land which would be a detriment to the school in every way.

HENRY D. POPE, *President L. M. Improvement Association*,
GEORGE DEXTER, *Secretary*,
And three others.

Petition from L.M. Improvement Association; request to take land for enlargement of Gilbert Stuart School-house lot.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, it was

Ordered, That no school-house sites shall be selected, and no rooms occupied for school purposes, except after consultation with the respective Division Committees, and High and Normal School Committees.

Selection of school-house sites.

On motion of Mr. Paul, it was

Ordered, That the President of the School Committee be requested to petition, in behalf of this Board,

Petition to General Court for amendment

to chapter 419 of Acts of 1892, as amended by section 3 of chapter 413 of Acts of 1897, relative to restrictions imposed on floors of public buildings.

the General Court, at its present session, to amend chapter 419 of the Acts of 1892, as amended by section 3 of chapter 413 of the Acts of 1897, so as to exempt school buildings from the restrictions therein imposed on the floors of public buildings.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 8, 1898.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Ames, Mr. Calderwood, and Mrs. Keller.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; establishment of new Grammar School-house in Ward 23.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 13, 1898.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to select a site and establish a new Grammar School in Ward 23, in the vicinity of Hyde Park avenue and Walk Hill street.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 27.

Concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Feb. 4, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Board of Aldermen requesting

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Jan. 31, 1898.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor request the School Committee to appropriate the sum of $60,000 for the construction of a new eight-room Primary School-house on Leon street, Ward 19.

erection of new Primary School-house on Leon street, Ward 19.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence. February 3 came up concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Feb. 7, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; flag to be furnished for Gilbert Stuart School.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 27, 1898.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to furnish a flag for the Gilbert Stuart School, Richmond street, Ward 24.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 27, 1898.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Jan. 29, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; repairs and additions to Chapman School-house.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 27, 1898.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to include in their appropriation a sum sufficient to place the Chapman School-house in thorough repair, and to make additions to said school-house according to plans held by the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 27, 1898.

Referred to his Honor the Mayor.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Jan. 29, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 6, 1898.

Communication from Common Council requesting erection of new Grammar School building on Morton street.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the erection of a new Grammar School building near the Primary School-house on Morton street.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 27.

Concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, Jan. 26, 1898.

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land taken for East Boston High School-house.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Charles U. Cotting and others, trustees of the estate of Edward D. Sohier, upon the sum of $33,000, and the taxes for the year 1897, as payment for their estate, on Princeton, Marion, and Saratoga streets, at East Boston, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, Dec. 17, 1897 (taking recorded Dec. 18, 1897), such payment to include damages occasioned to the leasehold of number eighty Saratoga street, and to be made upon the said trustees giving to the city a deed for said land so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land taken for East Boston High School-house.

City of Boston.
Street Commissioners' Office,
City Hall, Feb. 3, 1898.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with James Woolley and Charles A. Tilden, Trustees of the Central Associates, upon the sum of $12,000, as payment for their estate on Princeton street, at East Boston, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, Dec. 17, 1897 (taking recorded Dec. 18, 1897), upon the said trustees giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Rules relative to length of time teachers may remain on probation. [See p. 28.]

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows:

Sect. 93. Insert after the word "position," in the twenty-third line, the words, "No teacher failing of confirmation, after serving two years on probation in the same position, shall be longer employed."

The order passed.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following reports, those coming under the provisions of section 81 of the Rules being in accordance with the written recommendations of the Board of Supervisors:

RESIGNATIONS.

Kindergartens.

Resignations of teachers.

Cook School. — Elizabeth Niel, assistant, Sept. 1, 1897.

Greenwood Hall. — Alice Fobes, assistant, Jan. 3, 1898.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Special assistant.

Martin District. — Alice E. Lawrence, from Jan. 24, 1898.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Emily H. Gosselin, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 3, 1898. Temporary teachers.

Schools of Cookery. — Elizabeth T. Sumner, instructor, from Feb. 1, 1898; Mary Cunningham, instructor, from Feb. 15, 1898.

Atherton Building Kindergarten. — Annie L. McCarty, principal, from Dec. 16 to Dec. 23, 1897, inclusive.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Mather District. — Ella J. Costello, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 3, 1898; Sadie M. Spalding, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 12, 1898. Election of teachers on probation.

Norcross District. — Mary R. Roberts, first assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1897.

Roger Clap District. — Winifred Emerson, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from Feb. 2, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Charlestown High School. — Elizabeth G. Dowd, assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Christopher Gibson District. — Charlotte E. Andrews, first assistant, Grammar School; Edith M. Keith, assistant, Grammar School.

Dudley District. — Catherine M. McGinley, Adah F. Whitney, assistants, Grammar School.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Eliot School. — Assistants, Helen A. Hackett, Ida A. Merriam, from Jan. 3, 1898; John W. Cooke, from Jan. 19, 1898. Assistants in Evening Schools.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Leaves of absence, substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Dudley District. — Alice L. Williams, first assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 1, 1898, until Feb. 28, 1898; Edith E. Knowlton, substitute. Kate F. Lyons, assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 1, 1898, until Feb. 28, 1898.

Martin District. — Sarah W. Moulton, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 14, 1898, until May 14, 1898; M. Louise Wiswall, substitute.

Minot District. — Mary E. Glidden, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 1, 1898, until April 1, 1898; James H. Gormley, substitute.

Norcross District. — Emma S. Gallagher, assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 1, 1898, until June 1, 1898; Agnes J. Hallahan, substitute.

Prince District. — Ellen P. Longfellow, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 1, 1898, until April 1, 1898; Hattie L. Gates, substitute.

Washington Allston District. — Grace E. Nickerson, assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 8, 1898, until March 5, 1898; Lillian G. Farmer, substitute.

Unity Chapel Kindergarten. — Susan M. Mayhew, assistant, from Dec. 1, 1897, until March 1, 1898; Helen M. Holmes, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Purchase of land on Princeton street, East Boston, for school purposes.

Ordered, That there be paid to James Woolley and Charles A. Tilden, Trustees of the Central Associates, the sum of twelve thousand dollars ($12,000) as payment for their estate on Princeton street, at East Bos-

ton, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, Dec. 17, 1897 (taking recorded Dec. 18, 1897), upon the said trustees giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken, satisfactory to the Law Department.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of land on Princeton, Marion, and Saratoga streets for school purposes.

Ordered, That there be paid to Charles U. Cotting and others, trustees of the estate of Edward D. Sohier, the sum of thirty-three thousand dollars ($33,000) and the taxes for the year 1897, as payment for their estate on Princeton, Marion, and Saratoga streets, at East Boston, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, Dec. 17, 1897 (taking recorded Dec. 18, 1897), such payment to include damages occasioned to the leasehold of number eighty Saratoga street, and to be made upon the said trustees giving to the city a deed for said land so taken, satisfactory to the Law Department.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Board of Street Commissioners requested to take land for enlargement of site of South Boston High School-house.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for the enlargement of the South Boston High School-house lot, a parcel of land belonging to the city of Boston, bounded and described as follows: north by Thomas park, about sixty-four feet; east by land heretofore taken by the city of Boston for school purposes, Sept. 14, 1897, about four hundred twenty-three and $\frac{14}{100}$ feet; south by Thomas park, about sixty-four feet; and west by other land of said city of Boston, about four hundred and sixty-two feet; containing about twenty-six thousand six hundred square feet.

Mr. Coolidge offered the following:

Adjournment.

Ordered, That when this Board adjourns it be to meet in this room on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1898, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

Rules suspended.

The rules were unanimously suspended, and the order passed.

The Chair read the following:

Resignation of Isaac F. Paul as member of Committee on Manual Training.

BOSTON, Feb. 7, 1898.

Mr. HENRY D. HUGGAN, *President*:

DEAR SIR: I hereby resign as a member of the Committee on Manual Training of the Boston School Committee.

Yours respectfully,

ISAAC F. PAUL.

Accepted.

The Chair read the following:

Resignation of Edward H. Dunn as member of the School Committee.

BOSTON, Jan. 27, 1898.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, *Secretary*:

DEAR SIR: My resignation as a member of the School Committee will not be withdrawn.

Respectfully yours,

EDWARD H. DUNN.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the resignation of Mr. Dunn as presented at the meeting of January 25 was placed on file.

Appointments on Committee on School Houses.

The Chair appointed Mr. Strange chairman of the Committee on School Houses, and Mr. Bassett a member of the same committee.

Approved.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Presentation of portrait of Hon. Henry L. Pierce to the Henry L. Pierce School, Dorchester.

Soon after the Henry L. Pierce School-house in Dorchester was built, Hon. Henry L. Pierce presented to the school two portraits of distinguished men, General Knox and Daniel Webster, whose names had been identified with the site on which the building stood. Subsequently, at the request of the committee having charge of the school, he promised to present a portrait

of himself. It was his intention, as expressed not long before his death, to give a copy of the portrait painted by Bonnat, in Paris, in 1895, which has recently been placed in the Museum of Fine Arts, in this city.

To carry out this purpose, a few of the family and friends of Mr. Pierce have employed Mr. Jacob Wagner to copy the painting by Bonnat. This has been done in a highly satisfactory manner, and the portrait, suitably framed, was presented to the Henry L. Pierce School on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1898. The presentation was made by Mr. Charles Sumner Pierce, and the gift accepted by the Chairman of the Division Committee.

Appended to the report was the following order:

Ordered, That the gift be recorded in the proceedings of this Board, and the thanks of the School Committee for this valuable portrait be extended to Mrs. Edward L. Pierce and family, and to Messrs. Howland, Bugbee, Gallagher, Delano, and Brooks, of the Walter Baker Company.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Examinations; petition of Woman's Christian Temperance Union relative to time given to physiology and hygiene in curriculum of public schools.

Mr. Fleischer, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, a petition from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, relative to the time assigned in the public schools to the study of physiology and hygiene, and the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants, and narcotics on the human system, reported that the petitioners have been granted a hearing, and the subject has received very careful consideration, both by this committee, and by the Board of Supervisors. Reports have been received from all the schools as to the time actually given to the subject in the several grades; from which it appears that in most schools as much time is given in the weekly programme as a due regard to the needs of the course as a whole allows. Some uncer-

tainty, however, seems to exist in regard to the exact amount of time intended to be allowed by the course of study to physiology and hygiene, and in order to relieve the teachers from this uncertainty, your committee recommend: (1) that a certain amount of time be specifically assigned to the subject of physiology and hygiene; and (2) that in addition to the time required to be given by the Grammar School Course of Study to "special instruction as to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants, and narcotics on the human system," one hour of each calendar month of the school year be taken from the time assigned to instruction in English and devoted to special temperance instruction. To carry these suggestions into effect, your committee recommend the passage of the following orders:

(1.) *Ordered*, That the course of study in the Grammar Schools be amended so that the assignment of time given to the study of physiology and hygiene, and observation lessons, shall be divided as follows:

Grades IV., V., VI.: one-half hour to be devoted weekly to the study of hygiene and physiology, and one hour to observation lessons.

Grade VII.: one hour to be devoted weekly to the study of hygiene and physiology, and one-half hour to observation lessons.

Grade VIII.: one and one-half hours to be devoted weekly to the study of hygiene and physiology.

(2.) *Ordered*, That the course of study in the Grammar Schools be amended so as to provide that one-third of the time set apart each year for instruction in physiology and hygiene must be given to the explanation of "the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants, and narcotics on the human system."

Accepted, and the orders passed.

Report of Joint Committee on Accounts and Hygiene and Physical Training; continuance of lectures given by Dr. Hartwell to Normal School pupils.

Mr. Allen, for the Joint Committee on Accounts and Hygiene and Physical Training, to whom was referred — Jan. 25 — an order relative to the continuance of the lectures formerly delivered by Dr. Hartwell, in the Normal School, reported that in their opinion it is desirable to continue the course as suggested in the order referred, and they recommend the passage of the appended order:

Ordered, That the Committee on the Normal School be authorized to employ Dr. E. M. Hartwell to continue the course of lectures formerly given by him as Director of Physical Training, for the benefit of the pupils in the Normal School, at an expense not to exceed $500.

Mr. Allen stated that two members of the Joint Committee dissented from this report.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Superintendent was requested to give his opinion on the matter.

Opinion of Superintendent.

The Superintendent stated that in his opinion such lectures were highly desirable and useful to the pupils of the Normal School, increasing their general knowledge of the care of the health of children, and of the ways in which physical exercises in the schools could be made to conduce to the health of the pupils, and that he hoped the School Board would see its way clear to expend the amount of money named for such a very excellent purpose.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order.

The order passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Anderson, Bassett, Coolidge, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Flei-

scher, Hubbard, Huggan, Lowell, McDonald, and Strange — 14.

Nays : Messrs. Bateman, Burrill, Davison, Gallivan, and Paul — 5.

Absent or not voting : Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bowdlear, Calderwood, and Mrs. Keller — 4.

On motion of Mr. Paul, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Additional ungraded class in Brimmer District.

Ordered, That an additional ungraded class be allowed in the Brimmer District, making two in all.

Mr. Paul, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Extension of term of Evening Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to extend for two weeks the terms of such of the Evening Schools as in their judgment will be profitable, and that schools so extended close this year on Friday evening, March 25, 1898.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on High Schools; change in name of West Roxbury High School.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on High Schools, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order that the name of the West Roxbury High School be changed to the Jamaica Plain High School, reported that they have given the matter their careful consideration, and are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to recommend the change suggested in the order referred.

Accepted.

Mr. Allen, for the same committee, offered the following:

Use of South Armory as a drill hall for cadets of English High and Latin Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the use of the South Armory on Irvington street as a drill hall for the cadets of the English High and Latin Schools, at an annual expense not to exceed three

hundred and fifty dollars ($350), for heating and janitor service.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations; abolishing of Committee on Kindergartens.

SECT. 2. Strike out the word "Kindergartens," in the eighth line.

SECT. 57. Strike out the section.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to nominate, as soon as possible, a Director of Physical Training, as provided by the Rules and Regulations.

Nomination of Director of Physical Training.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the order was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO.

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 23, 1898.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the Chair.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Ames, Mr. Burrill, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. McDonald.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land on Saratoga street taken for school purposes.

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, Feb. 18, 1898.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston: The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Henry Kenney upon the sum of seven thousand dollars, and the taxes for the year 1897, for his estate numbered 72–74 Saratoga street, East Boston, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, Dec. 17, 1897 (taking recorded Dec. 18, 1897), upon said Kenney giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land on School street, West Roxbury, taken for school purposes.

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, Feb. 18, 1898.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston: The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Isidor Marcus upon the sum of ninety-five hundred dollars, and the taxes for the year 1897, as payment for his estate, on School street, at West Roxbury, taken for school purposes by the

city of Boston, Jan. 14, 1898 (taking recorded same day), upon the said Marcus giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following reports, those coming under the provisions of section 81 of the Rules being in accordance with the written recommendations of the Board of Supervisors.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Longfellow District. — Jennie A. Owens, assistant, Grammar School, Feb. 1, 1898.

Norcross District. — Mary R. Roberts, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 7, 1897.

Wells District. — Georgia D. Barstow, assistant, Primary School, Feb. 16, 1898.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

East Boston High School. — Margaret H. Manning, assistant, from Feb. 14, 1898.

Christopher Gibson District. — Viola M. I. Clark, assistant, Grammar School, from March 1, 1898; Caroline W. Heckle, assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 15, 1898; Katherine J. Daily, assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 23, 1898.

Everett District. — Sophie G. Thayer, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 28, 1898.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Josephine P. Poole, assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 17, 1898.

Hyde District. — Emma B. Gulliver, first assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 3, 1898.

Phillips District. — Agnes G. Tarpey, assistant, Grammar School, from March 1, 1898.

Warren District. — Ellen M. O'Connor, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 10, 1898.

Washington Allston District. — Gertrude Weeks, assistant, Grammar School, from March 1, 1898.

Wells District. — Mary J. Jenkins, assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 18, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Brimmer District. — Katherine E. Lahey, assistant, Grammar School, third year, from Feb. 28, 1898.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Nellie G. Lynch, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from Feb. 1, 1898.

Lewis District. — Catherine G. Foley, assistant, Primary School, from March 1, 1898.

Longfellow District. — Jennie A. Owens, first assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 1, 1898.

Norcross District. — Elizabeth C. Hunneman, assistant, Grammar School, from March 1, 1898.

Sherwin District. — Frances M. Mooers, assistant, Grammar School, second year, from Feb. 1, 1898.

Wells District. — Georgia D. Barstow, first assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 16, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Agassiz District. — Sarah A. Moody, assistant, Grammar School.

Charles Sumner District. — Louise M. Cottle, assistant, Primary School.

Frothingham District. — Margaret A. Mernin, assistant, Grammar School; Lena E. Campbell, assistant, Primary School.

Gaston District. — Louise E. Means, assistant, Primary School.

Harvard District. — Elizabeth B. Porter, assistant, Grammar School.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Mary E. Nichols, first assistant, Primary School.

Lowell District. — Edward J. Cox, sub-master; Alice A. Batchelor, assistant, Grammar School; Catherine T. Sullivan, assistant, Primary School.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Bennett District. — Annie M. Stickney, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 1, 1898, until April 11, 1898; Harriet E. Ells, substitute.

Bowdoin District. — Elizabeth R. Preston, first assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 3, 1898, until May 3, 1898; Mary F. Murphy, substitute.

Eliot District. — Harriet E. Lampee, assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 1, 1898, until June 1, 1898; Emma C. G. Keating, substitute.

Emerson District. — Horatio D. Newton, sub-master, from Jan. 13, 1898, until April 1, 1898; John A. Russell, substitute.

Everett District. — Florence A. Perry, assistant, Primary School, from March 1, 1898, until July 1, 1898; Margaret G. Gaffney, substitute.

Hancock District. — Mary F. Malone, assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 1, 1898, until April 1, 1898; Mary E. Meaney, substitute.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Sarah W. Loker, assist-

ant, Grammar School, from Dec. 1, 1897, until April 1, 1898; George E. Murphy, substitute.

Lyman District. — Lena E. Synette, assistant, Primary School, from March 1, 1898, until July 1, 1898; Martha F. Titus, substitute.

Mather District. — Helen E. Hobbs, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 17, 1898, until May 17, 1898; Laura M. Geyer, substitute.

Norcross District. — Sarah A. Gallagher, assistant, Grammar School, from March 1, 1898, until July 1, 1898; Cherrie W. St. Clair, substitute.

Phillips District. — Katharine A. Burns, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 1, 1898, until May 1, 1898; Mary P. Howland, substitute.

Horace Mann School. — Mary F. Bigelow, assistant, from Feb. 15, 1898, until March 21, 1898; Edith F. Brainerd, substitute.

Warrenton-street Kindergarten. — Juliette Billings, assistant, from Jan. 20, 1898; until April 20, 1898; Anna H. Prentiss, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Ordered, That the Vernon and Auburn street School-house, Roxbury, be accepted by this Board, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract. Acceptance of Vernon and Auburn street School-house.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Aberdeen District School-house, Brighton, be accepted, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract. Acceptance of Aberdeen District School-house.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That there be paid to Henry Kenney the sum of seven thousand dollars ($7,000), and the taxes Purchase of land on Saratoga street for

school purposes. [See p. 49.]

for the year 1897, for his estate numbered 72–74 Saratoga street, East Boston, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, Dec. 17, 1897 (taking recorded Dec. 18, 1897), upon said Kenney giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Appropriation for school purposes.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

George Putnam School-house lot, enlargement, $9,584.50.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of land on School street, West Roxbury, taken for school purposes. [See p. 49.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Isidor Marcus the sum of ninety-five hundred dollars ($9,500), and the taxes for the year 1897, as payment for his estate, on School street, at West Roxbury, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, Jan. 14, 1898 (taking recorded same day,) upon the said Marcus giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Mr. Lowell offered the following:

Amendments to Rules and Regulations.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended by striking out everything after the first section, and substituting therefor the following:

CHAPTER I.

Organization.

Secretary.

SECTION 2. At the meeting for organization, each year, the Board shall elect, by ballot, a secretary, an auditing clerk, and a messenger, each of whom may be removed at the pleasure of the Board. The President shall appoint,

subject to the approval of the Board, standing committees as follows: On Accounts; Courses of Study; Hygiene and Physical Training; Legislative Matters; Rules and Regulations; Salaries; School Houses; Supplies; Text-Books; Truant Officers and Janitors; and Visiting Committees as follows: to visit the Normal Schools; High Schools; Kindergartens; Evening Schools; Horace Mann School for the Deaf; the Classes in Drawing; in Music; and in Manual Training; and a Visiting Committee to visit the Grammar and Primary Schools in each of the several divisions into which the city is divided. The President shall be a member of three of the standing committees referred to in this section, but shall not be chairman of any standing committee.

Standing committees.

President member of committees.

SECT. 3. Each of the Standing and Visiting Committees shall consist of five members.

SECT. 4. The member first named on any Standing Committee shall be the chairman thereof; but each Visiting Committee shall elect its own chairman. The President shall, subject to the approval of the Board, fill vacancies on committees when they occur.

Chairman.

Vacancies on committees, how filled.

SECT. 5. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the Board, a Committee on Elections shall be appointed which shall consult with the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, and report to the convention of the Board of Aldermen and the School Committee, on the day of election, one or more suitable candidates to fill said vacancy.

Vacancy in School Board.

Candidates.

SECT. 6. Special committees shall be nominated by the presiding officer, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

Appointment of committees.

CHAPTER II.

Procedure at Meetings.

SECTION 7. The regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the evenings of the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month, except July and August; and special meetings may be called whenever they are necessary.

Meetings.

Special meetings. See Sect. 8.

SECT. 8. A special meeting of the Board shall be called upon the written request of the President, or of five members of the Board, upon not less than twenty-four hours' notice.

Special meetings. See Sect. 7.

SECT. 9. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum; but a less number may vote to send for absent members, to call the roll and record the names of absentees, or to adjourn.

Quorum.

No quorum.

SECT. 10. The sessions of the Board shall be held, as a rule, with open doors; but when, at any meeting, the business to be brought before the Board is finished, the Board

Sessions of the Board held with open doors.

shall go into executive session if the Superintendent so requests for the purpose of making a communication, or if any member so requests for the purpose of addressing a question to the Superintendent. The Board may go into executive session at any other time by a vote of a majority of those present. No votes shall ever be taken in executive session except a vote to confirm the appointment, removal, or transfer of an instructor, or to adjourn.

Executive session.

SECT. 11. When any member of the Board wishes to object to the confirmation of any appointment, transfer, or removal made by the Superintendent, he shall so state, and the matter shall be taken up in executive session at the close of the meeting.

Opening of meetings.

SECT. 12. Business shall proceed in the following order, unless the Board otherwise directs:

Order of business.

1. Unfinished business of the preceding meeting.
2. Communications from the Mayor and City Council.
3. Communications from the Superintendent.
4. Reports of committees.
5. Motions, orders, resolutions, petitions, etc.

Duties of the presiding officer.

SECT. 13. The presiding officer shall preserve order in the meetings; he shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board by any member, which appeal shall be decided without debate. He may take part in debate, but in that case he shall leave the chair, and not resume it until the question is decided.

Presiding officer may debate a question.

Yeas and nays.

SECT. 14. The presiding officer shall order the yeas and nays on any question whenever one-fifth of the members present require it.

Order of motions.

SECT. 15. The presiding officer shall, when motions are made naming sums or fixing times, first put to vote the largest sum, or the longest time. When a question is under debate, he shall entertain no motion but to [1] adjourn, [2] to lay on the table, [3] for the previous question, [4] to postpone to a day certain, [5] to commit or recommit, [6] to amend, or [7] to postpone indefinitely, which motions shall have precedence in the above order.

Motions to adjourn.

SECT. 16. The presiding officer shall consider a motion to adjourn to be always in order, except when a member has the floor, or a question has been put and not decided.

Motions not debatable.

Motions to adjourn, to lay on the table, to take from the table, and for the previous question, shall be decided without debate.

Previous question.

SECT. 17. The presiding officer shall put the previous question in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" And its adoption shall end all debate, and bring the Board to a vote upon pending amendments, if there are any; and then upon the main question.

SECT. 18. No member shall speak on a question more than once until all others have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice without permission from the Board, when objection is made. Rules of debate.

SECT. 19. Motions shall be submitted in writing, if the presiding officer or any member of the Board request it. Motions.

SECT. 20. The action of the Board on any question may be reconsidered at the same meeting by a majority of the members present; or if any member who is not shown by a yea and nay vote to have voted against the prevailing side shall give notice to the secretary before five o'clock P.M. of the next day but one following that on which the meeting was held of his intention so to do, he may move a reconsideration at the next regular meeting of the Board. Only one motion for this purpose shall be in order. Action of Board reconsidered.

SECT. 21. Any member may require the division of a question, when it is susceptible of division. Division of a question.

SECT. 22. If objection be made to the reading of any paper, the question shall be decided by a vote of the Board. Reading of a paper objected to.

SECT. 23. All propositions to name school-houses shall lie on the table for at least two weeks, and thirteen votes shall be required to name a school-house. Naming school-houses.

SECT. 24. No rule or regulation of the Board shall be suspended except by vote of three-fourths of the members present. Suspension of Rules.

CHAPTER III.

Duties of Committees.

SECTION 25. The Committee on Rules and Regulations shall take into careful consideration every proposition to establish, to repeal, or to amend any rule or regulation, and shall report in writing, stating their reasons for or against such rule, regulation, or proposed alteration; and no such proposition shall be adopted by the Board until after it has been referred to this committee, reported upon, and afterwards read at two different meetings of the Board. The committee shall report all changes in the Rules and Regulations so as to give in full the wording of the section as amended. Committee on Rules and Regulations. Amendments.

SECT. 26. The Committee on Accounts shall consider and report upon all propositions requiring the expenditure of money before the final action of the Board, except such as may be submitted by the Committee on Salaries and such as relate to the duties of the Committee on Supplies and the Committee on School Houses. Committee on Accounts.

Estimate of expenses.

They shall, after conference with the other committees, annually prepare and present to the Board in print, on or before the last regular meeting of the Board in December, an estimate of the expenses of the public schools for the next financial year. This estimate, after approval by a two-thirds yea and nay vote of the Board, shall be sent to the City Auditor.

Proposals to change budget.

After the appropriations have been made for the schools the Committee on Accounts shall report a budget of expenditures divided by objects, and no officer or committee shall expend for any object a greater sum than that provided in the budget approved by the Board. Every proposal to change the budget shall be referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Pay-rolls.

They shall audit all pay-rolls of salaries and all bills of expenditure authorized by the Board, or the Committee on Supplies, or the Committee on School Houses, and make requisition on the City Auditor each month for the payment of such as they have approved.

Non-resident pupils.

They shall make out bills for tuition of non-resident pupils attending the public schools, and transmit the same to the City Collector for collection.

Auditing Clerk.

The Auditing Clerk shall be present at all meetings of the committee, certify to the correctness of the accounts, and render such clerical assistance as may be required.

Report.

Annually, at the close of the financial year, he shall submit, in detail, an account of the expenditures for the preceding year, and this committee shall include the same in a printed report to the Board in March of each year.

Committee on School Houses.

SECT. 27. The Committee on School Houses shall have authority to provide temporary accommodations for school purposes, after consultation with the Superintendent and the Visiting Committee for the division. They shall have authority to furnish all school furniture, and to order to be made on the school buildings any additions, alterations, and repairs, for school purposes, which they deem to be necessary, or which are ordered by the Board; but they shall not erect, or make any alterations in, school buildings without the approval of the Board, nor shall they, except in the months of July and August, when the Board is not in session, make any contracts to expend more than five hundred dollars without the approval of the Board. They shall have the general supervision of the warming and ventilation of the several school-houses.

School furniture.

Repairs.

No plans for the erection or alteration of school buildings shall be submitted to the Board until they have been approved by the Superintendent and the Business Manager.

No school building or part of a school building shall be used for other purposes than the regular work of the schools, unless the consent of the Superintendent shall have been first obtained. After it has been obtained, the committee may submit to the Board for approval any request for the use of a school building which, in the judgment of the committee, should be acted upon by the Board. Use of school-houses for other than regular work of the schools.

SECT. 28. The Committee on Salaries shall consider all propositions to establish or to change the salaries of all persons in the service of the Board, except the Business Manager and his subordinates, or to pay for extra service in teaching; and shall report upon them, in writing, with their reasons for or against such propositions, before they are acted upon by the Board. In the month of June of each year they shall report to the Board, in print, a full schedule of salaries, as herein provided, for the ensuing year. Committee on Salaries. Schedule of salaries.

SECT. 29. The Committee on Courses of Study shall take into careful consideration every proposition to change the courses of study, and no such proposition shall be acted upon by the Board until it has been referred to this committee and reported upon. No programme of a special study shall be put into use in any school until it has been considered by this committee and approved by the Board. Committee on Courses of Study. Programmes of special study.

SECT. 30. The Committee on Supplies shall have exclusive authority to furnish all materials used by the Board, its officers, or the public schools, and to authorize such expenditures, other than salaries, as may be required in teaching. Committee on Supplies.

They shall, if it be deemed expedient, annually advertise for proposals, and contract with responsible parties, to furnish the text-books necessary to carry out the provisions of the Public Statutes, Chap. 44, Sects. 36 and 37, as amended by Chap. 103 of the Acts of 1884, and shall see that the same are fully complied with. Text-books.

They shall have the supervision of all printing, and shall furnish such as may be required by the Board, its officers, or the public schools, unless otherwise provided for; and all documents and reports not otherwise ordered shall be limited to six hundred copies. Printing.

They shall have the custody and management of all property belonging to the city which is held by this Board, and shall authorize such expenditures as may be necessary for the care and protection of the same. City property.

They shall employ as many messengers as may be necessary for the prompt delivery of all notices, circulars, reports, small packages, and other matter required to be transmitted by the School Committee and its officers. Messengers.

Auditing Clerk.

The Auditing Clerk shall attend all meetings of this committee, shall record their transactions, and render such other assistance as shall be required. Annually, in the month of February, he shall submit in detail an account of the articles purchased and furnished to the several grades of schools as well as of the material on hand; and annually, in the month of March, the committee shall include the same in a printed report to the Board.

Report.

Submit bills to Committee on Accounts.

They shall give written authority to the Auditing Clerk to submit to the Committee on Accounts such bills as are correct and duly authorized.

They shall have authority to furnish such library books for the schools as may be asked for on the requisition of the committee in charge, approved by the Superintendent.

Introduction of new text-books.

No new text-books shall be adopted, except on condition that the pupils of the public schools be furnished at such a reduction from the wholesale price as shall be agreed to by the Committee on Supplies, who shall see that this condition is complied with, and that the book is introduced only at the beginning of the first term.

Committee on Text-Books.

SECT. 31. Every proposition for the introduction of a text-book, book of reference, globe, map, or chart must come from or be referred to the Committee on Text Books as well as the Superintendent, before it is acted upon by the Board.

Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training.

SECT. 32. The Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training shall have the general supervision of the subjects of hygiene and physical training in all the schools. They shall each year in the months of January and June call for a report from each master upon the sanitary condition of all buildings under his charge, and shall investigate all complaints and report the condition of buildings, with suggestions, to the Committee on School Houses. They shall make a written report to the Board in September.

Committee on Truant Officers and Janitors.

SECT. 33. The Committee on Truant Officers and Janitors shall have the general supervision and control of the truant officers and janitors employed in connection with the public schools; they shall, subject to confirmation by the Board, make regulations for the government of these persons in the discharge of their duties, and assign them to the several school districts as they shall deem expedient. When vacancies occur, or as otherwise ordered by the Board, this committee shall nominate suitable persons for truant officers and janitors; when confirmed by the Board, such truant officers and janitors shall hold their office during the pleasure of the Board. This committee shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Board, one of the truant officers chief of the truant force. Annually, in September, this committee shall make a written report to the Board.

Election of truant officers and janitors.

SECT. 34. The Committee on Legislative Matters are authorized to represent the Board in all matters relating to the public schools of Boston coming before the Legislature. Committee on Legislative Matters.

SECT. 35. Whenever a motion, order, or resolution is referred to a committee, the chairman thereof shall give the member offering it an opportunity to be heard before the committee; and such committee shall report to the Board within one month after such reference. Members to be heard by committee.

SECT. 36. The minority of a committee shall always have a right to present a minority report. Minority reports.

SECT. 37. A record-book shall be kept for each standing committee, in which shall be entered a brief record of the proceedings of each meeting, and of the members present. These books shall be kept on file in the office of the Secretary, and shall be open to the inspection of any member of the Board. Record-book.

Visiting Committees.

SECTION 38. The Visiting Committees shall visit the respective schools and classes to which their duties relate, and shall make a written report to the Board in November. Written report to the Board.

SECT. 39. They may make reports at any other time, and it shall be their duty to bring to the attention of the Board all matters which in their judgment require criticism or suggestion.

CHAPTER IV.

Duties of the Superintendent.

SECTION 40. A Superintendent of schools shall be elected in the month of June, 1898, and biennially thereafter, who shall hold his office for the term of two years from the first day of September in the year of his election. Election. Term of office.

SECT. 41. The Superintendent shall be the executive officer of the School Board in all matters relating to instruction. He shall see that all regulations of the public schools, and all orders of the School Committee concerning the supervision, instruction, and management of the schools are executed. Executive officer.

SECT. 42. He shall assign to each supervisor such duties as he thinks best, and he may delegate to any one or more of them any part of his authority, except such of it as relates to the appointment, transfer, and removal of instructors and other officers, to the approval of plans, and to recommendations to the Board or other relations with it. Such delegated authority shall be exercised under the direction of the Superintendent, and he shall be personally Assign duties to supervisors.

responsible therefor. He shall have authority to make such arrangements, and give to the supervisors, directors, principals, and instructors of special objects, such directions, not contrary to the regulations, as in his judgment the welfare of the teachers and of the schools requires.

Power to appoint, transfer, and remove directors and principals.

SECT. 43. He shall, subject to confirmation by the Board, appoint, transfer, and remove all directors and principals of schools, and he shall, subject to such confirmation and after consultation with the principal of the school, if any, to which the action relates, and with the director, if the action relates to his department, appoint, transfer, and remove all other instructors. He shall have authority to appoint on his own authority temporary teachers for a period not exceeding three months, but this period shall not be extended or renewed without the approval of the Board.

Books of reference, charts, etc.

SECT. 44. Every proposition for the introduction of a text-book, book of reference, globe, map, or chart must come from or be referred to the Superintendent, as well as to the Committee on Text-Books, before it is approved by the Board, except that books purchased by requisitions on school funds, or received as gifts, are authorized for use as reference books; provided they are approved by the Superintendent. No new book shall be authorized for use in the schools which is written by the Superintendent or on which he has any copyright or royalty.

Changes in courses of study.

SECT. 45. He shall take into careful consideration every proposal to change the courses of study, and no such proposal shall be acted upon by the Board until it has been referred to him and reported upon. No programme of a special study shall be put into use in any school until it has been considered by him and approved by the Board.

Examinations.

SECT. 46. He shall have the general direction and supervision of all examinations whether of pupils in the schools or of candidates for positions as instructors, and those made by principals or teachers in the schools or classes under their charge. He shall have power to order a special written examination of any class in the schools, whenever he thinks it necessary. In schools of like grade, written examinations shall be conducted at the same time in each study, and with the same questions.

Changes in regulations and district lines.

SECT. 47. All propositions for changes in the regulations or in district lines shall be referred to him, and he shall report upon them in writing before they are acted upon by the Board.

Forms of registers, blanks, etc.

Non-attendance.

SECT. 48. He shall determine the forms of all registers, record-books, blanks, and cards used in the schools, and shall see that they are of uniform patterns. He shall make investigations as to the number and condition of the chil-

dren of the city who are not attending the public schools, and shall endeavor to ascertain the reasons for such non-attendance, and to suggest and apply the remedies.

SECT. 49. Annually, in the month of March, he shall present to the Board, in print, a report, giving an account of the duties he has performed, together with such facts and suggestions relating to the condition of the schools, and the increase of their efficiency and usefulness, as he may deem advisable. He shall embrace in the report an abstract of the semi-annual returns of the public schools, and a schedule showing the number of teachers employed He shall, in the month of September of each year, present, in print, an abstract of the semi-annual returns for the preceding half-year. He shall perform such other duties as the School Committee may prescribe or from time to time direct. Annual report. Other duties.

SECT. 50. The Superintendent is authorized to dismiss the Grammar Schools one half-day in each term, and the Primary Schools two half-days in each term, for the purpose of advising teachers on the best method of instruction and discipline. He shall decide when there shall be but one session of the Grammar and Primary Schools on account of stormy weather. Dismissal of schools. One session.

SECT. 51. He shall render such aid and communicate such information to the various committees as they may require of him; and shall have a right to attend all committee meetings, and shall attend any meeting of a committee when requested to do so by the chairman thereof. Assistance to committees.

SECT. 52. He shall, except when the election of Superintendent is under consideration, be present at all meetings of the School Board, and shall have the same right as a member of the Board to take part in debate. He may propose to the Board or its committees such legislation touching the schools as he may deem necessary. Take part in debate.

SECT. 53. Any member of the School Board may, in executive session, ask him any question relating to the administration of the school. Asking questions.

SECT. 54. He shall consider and report upon such matters as may be referred to him to the Board or its committees; and he shall perform such other duties as the Board may require. Other duties.

CHAPTER V.

Duties of the Supervisors.

SECTION 55. In the month of June, 1898, and biennially thereafter, the School Committee shall elect by ballot not exceeding six supervisors, who shall hold their office Election of supervisors.

for the term of two years from the first day of September of the year of their election.

Duties of supervisors.

SECT. 56. The supervisors shall perform all their duties under the direction of the Superintendent.

Visit schools, etc.

SECT. 57. They shall, under his direction, visit all the schools, day and evening, as often as practicable, for the purpose of obtaining information regarding the efficiency of the teachers, the progress of the pupils, the observance of the regulations and courses of study, and the general condition of the schools. The results of such visits, with such remarks, recommendations, and suggestions as may seem desirable, shall be reported to the Superintendent in such manner and at such times as he shall prescribe. Such reports shall be kept on file in the Superintendent's office, and open only to the inspection of the members of the Board.

Reports.

Written opinions.

SECT. 58. They shall give written opinions, individually or collectively, on any questions on which he may request it, and they shall perform such other duties as he shall assign them.

CHAPTER VI.

Duties of the Secretary.

Records and files.

SECTION 59. The Secretary shall keep a permanent record-book, in which shall be regularly recorded the proceedings of the Board. He shall have charge of all the documents, papers, and files of the Board; and may nominate such assistants as shall be necessary, subject to the approval of the Board. He shall keep in his office for use of the Board and principals of schools a list of certificated teachers who are immediately available as substitutes.

List of available substitutes.

Notify meetings.

SECT. 60. He shall notify all regular and special meetings of the Board, and of any committee of the same, when requested by the chairman or any two members thereof; he shall notify instructors of their appointment; the chairman of any committee appointed, of its duties and the names of its members, and shall give such other notices as the Board may require; and he, or any assistant that may be appointed, shall perform the duties of secretary for the Superintendent, and for any committee when required to do so.

Secretary of Supervisors and committees.

Returns to secretary of the Board of Education.

SECT. 61. He shall prepare the annual returns required by the statutes of the Commonwealth, and transmit the same, legally signed, to the secretary of the Board of Education, on or before the thirtieth day of April.

Votes to be transmitted.

SECT. 62. He shall transmit to members of the Board, committees, teachers, or other persons interested, any docu-

ments or copies of orders or resolutions, as directed, or as occasion may require; and he shall also transmit to the City Auditor, immediately after their passage, attested copies of all votes of the Board establishing or altering salaries, or authorizing the expenditure of money; and he shall perform such other duties as the School Committee may prescribe.

Editions of Rules and Regulations.

SECT. 63. He shall annually prepare an edition of the Rules and Regulations, revised and corrected to the time of issue, and cause the same to be printed and distributed to the teachers of the public schools in the month of September of each year.

Manual.

Census.

Diplomas, preparation of.

SECT. 64. He shall prepare a manual of the public schools, and cause it to be printed for distribution on or before the fifteenth day of February in each year. He shall, under the direction of the Committee on Supplies, cause a census to be taken of all children in the city, between the ages of five and fifteen, according to law; and attend to the preparation of the diplomas when awarded, and see that they are delivered to the principals at least one day before the graduating exercises.

Use of rooms in School Committee building.

SECT. 65. No room in the School Committee building, Mason street, shall be used — except by the School Committee, its committees, and the school officers — without the permission of the Secretary of the Board, to whom all applications for the use of such rooms shall be made. He may submit to the Board for approval any request for the use of said rooms, which, in his judgment, should be acted upon by the Board.

Office hours.

SECT. 66. He shall have his office open, and shall be present, or have an attendant in charge, every day throughout the year, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, from 9 o'clock A.M. to 5 o'clock P.M.; but on Saturdays the office may be closed at 2 o'clock P.M.

CHAPTER VII.

Duties of the Auditing Clerk.

Duties of Auditing Clerk.

SECTION 67. The Auditing Clerk shall perform his duties under the direction of the Committee on Accounts and the Committee on Supplies, as provided by the rules, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. He may nominate such assistants as may be required, subject to the approval of the Board.

Prepare pay-roll and audit bills.

SECT. 68. He shall prepare the pay-roll of all salaries in accordance with the regulations or orders of the Board, and shall audit all bills of expenditure authorized by the Board or the Committee on Supplies.

Record of property.

SECT. 69. He shall keep a record of all property held by the Committee on Supplies, or in use in the schools.

To keep account of expenditures.

SECT. 70. He shall keep account of all the expenditures of the Board in suitable books, which shall always be open to the inspection of its members. He shall notify all meetings of the Committee on Accounts, and of the Committee on Supplies, and keep a record of the proceedings thereof.

Office hours.

SECT. 71. He shall have his office open, and shall be present, or have an attendant in charge, every day throughout the year, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, from 9 o'clock A.M. to 5 o'clock P.M.; but on Saturdays the office may be closed at 2 o'clock P.M.

CHAPTER VIII.

Duties of the Messenger.

Messenger.

SECTION 72. It shall be the duty of the Messenger to be present at all the meetings of the Board, and to render such service to the officers and members as may be required. The salary of the Messenger shall be fixed by the Board, upon the report of the Committee on Salaries.

CHAPTER IX.

Duties of the Business Manager.

SECTION 73. There shall be selected a Business Manager who shall hold his office during the pleasure of the Board.

Contracts for work on school-houses.

SECT. 74. Except in cases where a special architect is employed, he shall, under the direction of the Committee on School Houses, take charge of the construction, alteration, and repair of school-houses; and no contract relating thereto shall be made without his approval in writing. All such contracts shall be signed by him in the name of the Board, and the contractors shall receive all their directions through him.

Receive orders.

SECT. 75. All persons employed in the work of construction, alteration, and repair of school-houses where a special architect is not employed, shall receive their orders from him alone, and he shall prescribe their duties. They shall be appointed, and their salaries shall be fixed by him subject to confirmation by the Board. No such person shall be employed without his certificate that such an employee is needed.

SECT. 76. He shall have authority to make, on his own responsibility, current minor repairs upon school-houses, at an expense not exceeding in the aggregate a sum to be fixed from time to time by the Committee on School Houses. Minor repairs.

SECT. 77. He shall make a quarterly report of all needed repairs on school-houses, with an estimate of the cost thereof, and a monthly report of all his doings and expenditures, all of which shall be submitted to the full Board for its inspection. Quarterly report.

SECT. 78. He shall certify to the correctness of all bills for expenses incurred for the construction, alteration, or repair of school-houses where a special architect is not employed, and he shall have charge of all furniture and material in the possession of the Board. Bills.

SECT. 79. He shall be present at all meetings of the Committee on School Houses, and shall have a right to take part in the discussions. Business Manager present at all meetings of Board.

CHAPTER X.

The School Faculty.

SECTION 80. There shall be a School Faculty consisting of the Superintendent as President, of the Supervisors, of the Directors, of twenty members chosen by the principals of the schools from among their own number, and of two members from each division chosen by all the sub-masters and other instructors within that division. The elected members shall serve for one calendar year and shall be chosen at meetings held in December of the previous year. The method and time of election shall be determined by the Faculty itself, which shall also have power to decide contested elections. Election.

SECT. 81. All changes in the courses of instruction, in the creation of new grades of teachers or pupils or the change of the old ones, all changes of rules on hygiene, physical training or discipline, shall be submitted to the Faculty before being acted upon by the Board, unless the Board orders otherwise. Changes of teachers, etc., submitted to Faculty.

SECT. 82. The Faculty may consider and discuss all questions relating to the welfare of the schools, and shall have the right to make suggestions or present petitions or remonstrances to the School Board. Present petitions.

SECT. 83. The Faculty shall meet once a month at such regular time and place as it may determine. It shall also meet at any other time on the call of the Superintendent or the request of any ten of the members. Meetings.

In the absence of the Superintendent, the Faculty shall select a presiding officer.

The meetings of the Faculty shall not be open to the public, but any member of the School Board may attend, and shall have the right to be heard upon any question referred to the School Faculty by the School Board.

REGULATIONS.

CHAPTER XI.

Appointment of Instructors in the Public Schools.

Term of instructor.

SECTION 84. The term of all reappointed instructors shall date from the first day of September; that of all others dating from the time when they enter upon their duties.

Names of teachers and pupils in official records, how written.

SECT. 85. In all official records and documents, containing the names of teachers or pupils in the public schools, no abbreviations or diminutives shall be used, but such names shall be expressed in full, or by stating at least one of the given names in full.

Election of instructors during the pleasure of the Board.

SECT. 86. All instructors not otherwise provided for shall be appointed annually. All instructors — except those of the Evening Schools and Evening Drawing Schools, temporary teachers, and special assistants — who have served successfully for four successive years, and are reappointed, shall hold their office during good behavior and efficiency. The Superintendent may, at any time, with the confirmation of the Board, remove or transfer an instructor.

SECT. 87. Annually, in the month of June, the Superintendent shall, subject to confirmation by the Board, appoint instructors for the public schools who have not been appointed for a tenure of office during good behavior and efficiency.

Number of pupils used.

SECT. 88. The number of scholars used in determining the rank of instructors to be nominated for the annual election shall be the average whole number, and, in ascertaining the number of subordinate teachers of all ranks, the greatest whole number belonging at any one time in the several schools and districts for the current school year. At other times than the annual election the whole number of pupils belonging in a school or district, when action is proposed to be taken, shall be used in ascertaining the number of teachers allowed to such school or district.

SECT. 89. Whenever it shall appear at the annual appointment of teachers that teachers are employed with ranks higher than the rules allow, such teachers may, upon upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, be continued in their ranks for two years, and if at the end of two years such teachers are not entitled to their ranks they shall be reduced in rank; *provided*, that this section shall not apply to teachers whose ranks have been authorized by special vote of the Board.

Change in rank of teachers.

Reduction in rank of teachers.

SECT. 90. Instructors, after retiring from the service of the Board, shall, upon reëntering the service, be regarded as new teachers, except that if at the time of their retirement such instructors were serving on a tenure of office during good behavior and efficiency, they may, if confirmed by the Board, after serving one year on probation, and on the recommendation of the Superintendent, be elected for a tenure of office during the pleasure of the Board.

Instructors reëntering the service.

SECT. 91. If a vacancy exist in a subordinate position in any school, and it is desirable, in the opinion of the Superintendent, to procure the services of some instructor who has not been examined as required, he may direct a supervisor or the principal to examine and inquire into the qualifications of the proposed candidate, and, if he is employed in teaching, to visit his school, at the expense of the city. Upon a favorable report, in writing, the supervisors or such of them as the Superintendent may designate for the purpose, shall especially examine the candidate, who, if qualified, shall receive the usual certificate.

Special examination of instructor.

SECT. 92. All regular instructors, and all special instructors in day schools, except principals of schools and directors, shall be appointed by the Board on probation; and they shall be entitled to the established salary from the time of entering upon their duties, but they shall not be confirmed until after a satisfactory trial of one year. No appointment shall bear a date previous to the date of the certificate of qualification issued to the nominee by the Superintendent. After a teacher has been appointed on probation, the principal of the school, and one or more supervisors assigned by the Superintendent, shall examine his work in the class-room, and report the results of said examinations in writing to the Superintendent. The Superintendent, after examining these reports, shall recommend teachers on probation, if found competent, for confirmation, in the manner required for appointment on probation. He may, for satisfactory reasons, extend the time of probation, or may recommend to the Board for removal any subordinate teacher on probation who, before the expiration

Teachers on probation.

Date of certificate.

Report of supervisors and principals.

Confirmation.

Discharge of a teacher.

of the year of probation, is found to be incompetent or unsuitable for his position. No teacher failing of confirmation, after serving two years on probation in the same position, shall be longer employed. Whenever an instructor, who has been elected to serve during the pleasure of the Board, is promoted in rank, he may, if confirmed by the Board, after serving one year on probation in the higher rank, be appointed for a term of office during the pleasure of the Board, *except* that whenever an instructor who has been appointed to serve during the pleasure of the Board is promoted to the rank of principal of a Normal, Latin, High, or Grammar School, he may, after serving two years as principal (during which time he shall be annually appointed), be appointed for a term of office during the pleasure of the Board.

Election of instructors during the pleasure of the Board.

Rank changed.

SECT. 93. The rank of any instructor may be changed by vote of the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, whenever the average whole number in the school for the preceding quarter shall warrant a change; but such action shall take effect only at the beginning of the month following favorable action of the Board. When the rank of any instructor is reduced by the operation of this regulation, such instructor shall receive the maximum salary of the lower rank; but when the rank of any instructor so reduced is increased in like manner, the salary shall be that to which any previous terms of service in the same or higher rank, or in both, may entitle the incumbent.

Leave of absence.

Substitutes.

Physician's certificate.

SECT. 94. No teacher shall be granted leave of absence except on account of personal illness, or on account of a critical illness or a death in the immediate family of a teacher. Whenever a teacher is absent, a substitute, holding a certificate of the proper grade, shall be employed in place of the absentee. The Superintendent may grant leave of absence to, and appoint a substitute for, a special instructor or a principal for not more than one week at a time, or to any subordinate teacher for not more than three weeks at a time. Requests for leave of absence to teachers for longer than said week or three weeks shall be accompanied by a certificate of a physician that in the judgment of said physician the leave is necessary on account of the physical condition of the applicant for leave. The period of a leave of absence to a teacher shall be limited to four months; but the Board may extend such leave for periods of four months each; *provided*, that no teacher shall be granted continuous leave of absence for a term longer than one year; and if at the expiration of said year the teacher is unable to return to duty, such teacher shall resign, or be

honorably discharged from the service. All propositions for leave of absence to teachers, and the substitutes who shall fill such places, must be recommended by the Superintendent to the Board for approval. Principals shall immediately notify the Superintendent of the absence of a teacher, and employ a substitute for such teachers for not longer than three days, without his consent. Principals shall make monthly returns to the Committee on Accounts of all substitutes employed in their schools, in a blank furnished for the purpose. Whenever a substitute is employed for longer than three days, the principal shall at once send to the secretary of the Board, in blanks furnished for the purpose, notice of the date of the beginning of service of such substitute, and a similar notice of the date of ending of such service.

Discharge of a teacher.

Reports of service of substitutes.

SECT. 95. No person who does not hold a certificate of qualification, or of service, of the proper grade, shall be employed in any position as an instructor, or give any instruction in the public schools, except by vote of the Board. No instructor shall be employed in any higher grade of schools than that for which the certificate shall qualify the holder thereof; and no instructor whose certificate is not recorded in the office of the Committee on Accounts shall be entitled to draw any salary as a teacher or as a substitute; and the auditing clerk shall not allow the name of any such teacher or substitute to be entered or to remain on the pay-rolls.

No person to be employed as a teacher who does not hold proper certificate.

No higher grade.

Recorded.

Pay-rolls.

SECT. 96. The Superintendent may make such transfers of teachers, other than principals, as do not advance the rank or salary of such teachers, and such changes in the location of Primary Schools, as he may deem necessary, subject to the provisions of Section 81.

Transfer of teachers.

Changes in location of Primary Schools.

Normal School.

SECTION 97. The instructors of this school shall be a head-master, master, and assistants. The head-master shall be a graduate of a college in good standing. He shall have a master, and as many assistants as may be necessary, provided the whole number of teachers, exclusive of the head-master and master, shall not exceed one for every twenty-five pupils. An additional instructor may be elected for an excess of twenty pupils, and one may be removed for a deficiency of twenty. In addition to the instructors already provided for in this section, there shall be an assistant as teacher of gymnastics, an assistant teacher of the theory and practice of the Kindergarten, and a special teacher of drawing.

Rank of instructors.

Number of teachers.

Number of pupils to an instructor.

Training School.

The instructors in the Training School shall be a master, two sub-masters, two first assistants, and as many assistants as may be necessary, — the superintendent to determine the number of assistants, — provided that the whole number of instructors, exclusive of the master, shall not exceed one for every forty-nine pupils. An additional instructor may be appointed for an excess of twenty-five pupils, and one may be removed for a deficiency of twenty-five. An additional instructor, with the rank of assistant, may be appointed for an ungraded class.

Number of pupils to a teacher.

Training School Kindergarten, number of pupils to a teacher.

The Training School Kindergarten shall be allowed one assistant, exclusive of the principal, for every twenty-five pupils in attendance.

Latin and High Schools.

Rank of instructors.

SECTION 98. Instructors of the Latin and High Schools shall be head-masters, masters, junior-masters, assistant principals, and assistants. In Latin and High Schools of two hundred pupils or more, the principal shall be a head-master; and in those of less than two hundred pupils, the principal shall be a master; *provided*, that no head-master who was in the service of the city April 1, 1886, as a principal of a High School of less than two hundred pupils, shall be reduced in rank, in consequence of increasing the number of pupils used in determining the rank of principals from one hundred and fifty to two hundred.

Rank of subordinate instructors in Boys' Latin and English High Schools.

The subordinate instructors in the Boys' Latin School and the English High School shall be masters and junior-masters. In mixed High Schools of one hundred and fifty pupils or more a junior-master may be appointed, and an additional junior-master may be appointed for every additional one hundred and fifty pupils, and in the Girls' Latin School and the Girls' High School a master may be appointed. Such male instructors above the rank of "assistant" who have been employed eleven years or more as regular teachers in the High Schools of this city shall be masters, and those who have been employed less than eleven years shall be junior-masters.

Number of instructors.

SECT. 99. Besides the principal, each High School shall be allowed one instructor, in addition to such special teachers as the Board may appoint, for every thirty-five pupils registered.

Number of pupils to an instructor.

The Boys' Latin School shall be allowed one instructor, exclusive of the principal, for every thirty-five pupils registered; except that in the three upper classes one instructor shall be allowed for every thirty pupils registered; an additional instructor shall be allowed for such special work as may be required. The Girls' Latin School shall be allowed one instructor, exclusive of a

master, for every thirty pupils registered. An additional instructor may be appointed for an excess of twenty pupils, and one may be removed for a deficiency of twenty pupils. Excess of twenty.

SECT. 100. All male instructors, and, after Sept. 1, 1900, all instructors regularly employed in the Latin and High Schools, shall be graduates of colleges in good standing, or of institutions which confer degrees of a corresponding grade; *provided*, that this restriction shall not apply to persons holding on the date named a certificate entitling them to fill such positions. Graduates of colleges.

Grammar Schools.

SECTION 101. The instructors of the Grammar Schools shall be masters, sub-masters, first assistants, and assistants. Rank of instructors.

2. One principal shall be appointed for every Grammar School. In schools of three hundred scholars, or more, the principal shall be a master. In schools of one hundred, or more, but less than three hundred, the principal shall be a sub-master. In schools of less than one hundred the principal shall rank as first assistant; *provided*, that as vacancies occur in the position of principal of Grammar Schools, the rank of the persons appointed to fill such vacancies, if they were not in the service of the city as teachers Oct. 13, 1885, shall be determined in the following manner: In schools of four hundred pupils, or more, the rank of the principal shall be that of master. In schools of one hundred pupils, or more, but less than four hundred, the principal shall be a sub-master. In schools of less than one hundred pupils, the principal shall rank as first assistant. Principals. Rank.

3. Beside the principal, each Grammar School of one hundred scholars, or more, shall be allowed one instructor, of whatever rank, for every fifty-six pupils registered; but in schools of less than one hundred, the principal shall be included in the complement of teachers. An additional teacher may be appointed when there is an excess of thirty pupils recorded, or one may be removed when there is a deficiency of thirty pupils. One ungraded class may be established in each Grammar School District, for the instruction of children, who, from age or other reason, are unqualified for the regular grades of the Primary and Grammar Schools. Additional ungraded classes may be established by the Board in any district, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent. In ungraded classes one teacher shall be allowed for thirty-five pupils. The number of teachers herein allowed shall not be exceeded, unless the proper grading of the school, or the insufficiency of the seating capacity of the school-rooms, shall require such excess. Number of scholars to teacher. Excess of thirty. Ungraded classes.

Number of subordinate instructors.

4. The number of subordinate instructors of the several ranks above that of assistant to which schools shall be entitled shall be as indicated in the following schedule:

Number of Instructors of all Ranks for the Number of Scholars in same Line.	Number of Scholars.	Sub-Masters.	First Assistants.
	Boys.		
3 or 4	142 to 253	.....	.....
5	254 to 309	.....	.....
6	310 to 365	.....	1
7 to 9	366 to 533	1	1
10	534 to 589	1	1
11 to 14	590 to 813	2	1
15 or more	Over 813	3	1
	Girls.		
3 or 4	142 to 253	.....	.....
5	254 to 309	.....	.....
6	310 to 365	.....	1
7 to 9	366 to 533	.....	2
10	534 to 589	.....	2
11 to 14	590 to 813	.....	2
15 or more	Over 813	.....	2
	Boys and Girls.		
3 or 4	142 to 253	.....	.....
5	254 to 309	.....	.....
6	310 to 365	.....	1
7 to 9	366 to 533	1	1
10	534 to 589	1	1
11 to 14	590 to 813	1	2
15 or more	Over 813	1	2

NOTE. — Table showing the number of instructors to which any number of scholars will entitle a Grammar School, or all the Primary Schools of a district.

No. of Scholars.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Teachers.
From 30 to 85.....	1	From 590 to 645....	11
86 to 141.....	2	646 to 701....	12
142 to 197.....	3	702 to 757....	13
198 to 253.....	4	758 to 813....	14
254 to 309.....	5	814 to 869....	15
310 to 365.....	6	870 to 925....	16
366 to 421.....	7	926 to 981....	17
422 to 477.....	8	982 to 1,037....	18
478 to 533.....	9	1,038 to 1,093....	19
534 to 589.....	10	1,094 to 1,149....	20

EXPLANATION. — A Grammar School, having from two hundred and fifty-four to three hundred and nine scholars, both inclusive, is entitled to five subordinate teachers. Two hundred and fifty-four scholars give five teachers; any greater number, up to and including three hundred and nine, give no more than five teachers. Five hundred and thirty-four to five hundred and eighty-nine scholars in the Primary Schools of a district give ten teachers.

5. All other regular teachers of the complement to which any school may be entitled shall be assistants. Other teachers.

Primary Schools.

SECTION 102. The instructors of the Primary Schools shall be first assistants and assistants. Fifty-six pupils shall be the standard number to one teacher; but an additional teacher may be nominated when there is an excess of thirty pupils registered for admission, and one may be removed when there is a deficiency of thirty in the district, unless the Board shall otherwise order, in cases where the size of the room is evidently insufficient for so large a number. Rank of instructors. Number of pupils to an instructor.

First assistants.

SECT. 103. In every Primary School building in which there are six or more teachers of any grade, a Primary School teacher may, under the provisions of the preceding section, be appointed with the rank of first assistant, who shall perform such general duties in connection with said school as may be required by the principal, under the direction of the Superintendent.

Special assistant teachers.

SECT. 104. Whenever the number of pupils, including those registered for admission, upon the list of any teacher giving instruction to children of the first grade, shall exceed fifty-six, and shall be less than eighty-six, a special assistant teacher, whose salary shall be at the rate of one dollar and a half for each day of actual service, may be appointed.

Evening Schools.

Evening Schools.

SECTION 105. One assistant shall be allowed for every twenty-five pupils in the Evening High School, and one for every fifteen pupils in the Elementary Schools, and an excess of twenty in the former, or of ten in the latter, shall entitle the school to an additional assistant. In elementary schools of seventy-five pupils, or more, a male teacher may be appointed with the rank of first assistant. In schools of less than fifty the principal shall be included in the complement. Assistants shall be dismissed at the close of any month in which the average attendance shall have fallen below the number authorizing their employment. No principal or female teacher of a public day school in Boston shall serve in the Evening Schools.

Election of principals of Evening Schools.

SECT. 106. The principals of the Evening Schools shall be appointed in June. The rank of the principal of the Evening High School shall be that of head-master. As many qualified first assistants and assistants as may be necessary shall be appointed in October.

Evening Drawing Schools.

Evening Drawing Schools.

SECTION 107. The instructors of the Evening Drawing Schools shall be masters, principals, and assistants. The rank of master shall be abolished, as the position now recognized shall become vacant by the retirement from the service of the incumbents in that position, February, 1891. The masters and principals of the Evening Drawing Schools shall be appointed in September. As many qualified assistants as may be necessary in the Evening Drawing Schools shall be appointed in November. Besides the master or principal, each school shall be entitled to an assistant for every thirty pupils, and an additional assistant for a majority fraction thereof.

Horace Mann School for the Deaf.

SECTION 108. The instructors for this school shall be a principal, an assistant principal, and assistants. Besides the principal, one instructor shall be allowed for every ten pupils, and an excess of five pupils shall entitle the school to an additional instructor. Horace Mann School.

Kindergartens.

SECTION 109. There shall be appointed a Director of Kindergartens, who, in addition to the duties of director, shall perform such service in the Normal School as may be required. The instructors of Kindergartens shall be principals and assistants. In Kindergartens having one instructor the rank of the instructor may be either that of principal or that of assistant. In a Kindergarten having two or more instructors, one instructor shall act as principal, and the others as assistants. One instructor shall be allowed for every twenty-five pupils in attendance; but an additional instructor may be appointed for an excess of fifteen pupils in attendance, continuing for two weeks; and an instructor may be removed for a deficiency of fifteen pupils in attendance, continuing for two months. Whenever the numbers in a Kindergarten entitle it to five instructors, that Kindergarten shall be reorganized so as to form two Kindergartens. Whenever, in the judgment of the Superintendent, it is necessary, he may appoint a special assistant, whose salary shall be five dollars a week. Whenever, in his judgment, the assistance of an attendant is required in a Kindergarten, he may appoint an attendant, whose compensation shall not exceed twenty-five cents for each day of actual service. Such attendants shall, so far as practicable, be chosen from among the relatives of the children. Director of Kindergartens. Special assistant. Attendant.

Manual Training.

SECTION 110. There shall be such instructors in manual training as the Superintendent, subject to confirmation by the Board, may appoint. Manual Training Schools.

Mechanic Arts High School.

SECTION 111. The instructors in the Mechanic Arts High School shall be a head-master, masters, junior-masters, instructors, assistant instructors, and an instructor of metal working. Besides the principal, there shall be allowed one instructor, in addition to such teachers of a special grade as the Board may decide, for every twenty-four pupils registered. An additional instructor may be appointed for an excess of sixteen pupils, and one may be removed for a deficiency of sixteen pupils. Mechanic Arts High School. Number of pupils to a teacher.

CHAPTER XII.

Salaries of Instructors.

Salaries of instructors.

SECTION 112. Annually in the month of June the Board shall fix the salaries of the instructors of the public schools for the year beginning the first of the following September; and the salaries established at the beginning of the year shall not be increased during that year.

Credit allowed for previous experience.

SECT. 113. The Superintendent in appointing teachers on probation as assistants in Grammar or Primary Schools shall determine the year of service in accordance with the following: A teacher appointed on probation (whether in case of a new teacher, or of one who has retired from the service and afterwards reënters it) shall receive one year's credit for more than two and less than four years' previous service; two years' credit for more than four and less than six years' previous service; three years' credit for six or more years' previous service. The salary of no teacher transferred to a higher rank or grade of schools shall be reduced.

The salary of a teacher who has been absent from duty by a leave of absence for a full year, and who does not return to school at the expiration of said year, shall cease; and it shall be the duty of the Auditing Clerk to see that the name of such teacher is dropped from the pay-rolls.

Primary and Grammar Schools.

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SECTION 114. The salary of a master shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding five years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the sixth and each subsequent year of service. The salary of a sub-master shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding seven years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the eighth and each subsequent year of service. The salary of a first assistant in Grammar Schools shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service with an annual increase during the succeeding five years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the sixth and each subsequent year of service. The salary of an assistant shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service with an annual increase during the succeeding eight years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the ninth and each subsequent year of service.

The salary of a first assistant in Primary Schools shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding

two years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the third and each subsequent year of service.

Latin and High Schools.

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SECTION 115. The salaries of the instructors of the several ranks of the Latin and High Schools, except those of head-master, master, junior-master, and assistant principal, shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding nine years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the tenth and each subsequent year of service. The salaries of junior-masters shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding eleven years, so that the maximum rate, with the rank of master, shall be reached for the twelfth and each subsequent year of service. The salaries of assistant principals in mixed High Schools shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding three years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the fourth and each subsequent year of service.

Normal School.

SECT. 116. The salary of the master shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding five years, so that the maximum salary shall be reached for the sixth and each subsequent year of service. The salary of assistants shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding eight years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the ninth and each subsequent year of service. The salaries of the instructors of the several ranks in the Training School shall be the same as those for the same ranks in the Grammar Schools. The salaries of assistants in the Training School Kindergarten shall be the same as those of assistants in the other Kindergartens.

Evening Schools and Evening Drawing Schools.

Evening Schools; Evening Drawing Schools.

SECTION 117. The salaries of the head-master of the Evening High School, and of the assistants of the Evening Drawing Schools, shall be established at a minimum rate per evening for the first year of service, with an annual increase per evening during the succeeding two years, so that the maximum rate per evening shall be reached for the third and each subsequent year of service. The salaries of principals of the Evening Drawing Schools shall be established at a minimum rate per evening for the first year of service, with a maximum rate per evening

for the second and each subsequent year of service. The salaries shall be allowed for each evening of actual service.

SECT. 118. The salaries of the assistants of the Evening High School, the principals, first assistants, and assistants of the Evening Elementary Schools, and of the masters of the Evening Drawing Schools, shall be at a fixed rate per evening of actual service.

Special Instructors.

Special instructors.

SECTION 119. The salaries of directors and instructors of special subjects, and of all teachers in special schools, unless otherwise provided for, shall be fixed by the Board annually in the month of June.

Substitutes and Temporary Teachers.

Rule for finding compensation of substitutes and temporary teachers.

SECTION 120. Substitutes shall be paid by the teachers in whose places they are employed. The compensation of substitutes and temporary teachers shall be determined by the following rule unless otherwise ordered by the Board: Divide the annual salary of the instructor, in whose place the substitute is employed, or the maximum salary of the position in the case of a temporary teacher, by *four hundred*, and the quotient will be the compensation for each school day of actual service — one-session days being reckoned in the Primary and Grammar Schools as full days.

One-session days.

Kindergartens.

Kindergartens.

SECTION 121. The salaries of the instructors of Kindergartens shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding four years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the fifth and each subsequent year of service.

Manual Training Schools.

Assistants of Manual Training Schools.

SECTION 122. The salaries of assistants of Manual Training Schools shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding four years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the fifth and each subsequent year of service.

Schools of Cookery.

Schools of Cookery.

SECTION 123. The salary of instructors of Schools of Cookery, except the principal, shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding eight years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the ninth and each subsequent year of service.

Horace Mann School for the Deaf.

SECTION 124. The salary of assistant principal in the Horace Mann School for the Deaf shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase for the four succeeding years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the fifth and each subsequent year of service. The salaries of assistants in that school shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding seven years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the eighth and each subsequent year of service. Horace Mann School.

Mechanic Arts High School.

SECTION 125. The salaries of the teachers in the Mechanic Arts High School, excepting those of head-master and master, shall be established as follows: For junior-master, at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding eleven years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the twelfth and each subsequent year of service; for instructor, at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding seven years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the eighth and each subsequent year of service; for assistant instructor, at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding nine years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the tenth and each subsequent year of service; for instructor in metal working, at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding thirteen years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the fourteenth and each subsequent year of service. Mechanic Arts High School.

CHAPTER XIII.

Examination of Pupils.

SECTION 126. Annually in the month of June the principals of the Grammar, High, Latin, and Normal Schools shall report to the Superintendent, in a suitable blank, the standing in conduct and scholarship of the members of the graduating grades and classes, with their recommendations as to the granting of diplomas. The supervisors, or such of them as the Superintendent may designate for the purpose, shall decide what pupils shall receive diplomas. Cases of appeal from their decision shall be referred to the Superintendent, whose decision shall be final. Election of supervisors. Advisory Board of School Committee.

General duties.

May propose legislation.

Shall decide what pupils shall receive diplomas.

Award of diplomas.

Diplomas, how signed.

Presentation of diplomas.

Examination of first classes of the Primary Schools.

Promotions from Primary to Grammar Schools.

Standards to be attained by each class.

Grammar School diplomas shall be awarded to all regular members of the ninth grade whose scholarship is at least passable, and whose conduct has been good. The Grammar School diplomas shall entitle the holders thereof to admission to the High Schools, but those pupils whose scholarship is only passable shall be admitted on probation, the probation to close at or near the end of the school year, only such of these pupils being retained as in the opinion of the principal and of the Superintendent are able to pursue the course of study with advantage to themselves and without detriment to the school. The Secretary of the School Board shall, under the direction of the Superintendent, send to each principal of a Grammar School the names of such of his pupils as are to be admitted to the High Schools unconditionally and on probation; and to the several principals of the High Schools the list of those that are entitled to an unconditional admission to the High Schools, and to an admission on probation.

Diplomas of graduation from all the schools shall be signed by the President of the Board and the principal of the school, except that diplomas awarded to pupils in the Evening Drawing Schools shall be signed by the President of the Board and the Director of Drawing. The diplomas shall be presented at the graduating exercises, by any member of the committee in charge; and, in their absence, by any other member of the Board, the Superintendent of schools, a supervisor, or the principal.

SECT. 127. Annually in the month of June the principals of the Grammar Schools shall report to the Superintendent, in a suitable blank, the scholarship of the members of the third grades, with their recommendations as to promotion to the Grammar Schools. The Supervisors, or such of them as the Superintendent may designate for the purpose, shall decide what pupils shall be promoted. Cases of appeal from their decision shall be referred to the Superintendent, whose decision shall be final. Under the direction of the Superintendent, promotions from the Primary to the Grammar Schools may also be made on the first Monday in February by the supervisor assigned to those schools in consultation with the principals thereof. Promotions of individual pupils may be made at any time by the principal of the district with the approval of the supervisor in charge.

SECT. 128. The Superintendent shall determine the proper standards to be attained by each grade and class in the several studies of the authorized course, and the best methods to be pursued in reaching them. The principals of schools shall use the general methods of instruction

which are approved by the School Committee, referring all questions of interpretation which may arise to the Superintendent.

CHAPTER XIV.

Examinations of Candidates for Teachers' Certificates.

SECTION 129. The Supervisors, or such of them as the Superintendent shall designate for the purpose, shall hold, each school year, two examinations of candidates for teachers' certificates of qualification — the first in January and the second in April; and shall determine which grade or grades of candidates shall be invited to attend these examinations. Applicants for situations as teachers.

Other examinations may be held whenever, in the opinion of the Superintendent, the needs of the schools seem to demand the same.

The Superintendent shall advertise in at least four newspapers of this State — and may advertise in two newspapers outside this State — the grade or grades and the time and place of all examinations of candidates for teachers' certificates of qualification, except such examinations as are provided for in Section 91 of the Regulations. Advertisements.

SECT. 130. Candidates shall be required to make written application, in their own handwriting, stating their age, place of birth, where they were educated, what experience, if any, they have had in teaching, and in what grade of schools they desire to be employed; but this application may be made at the time of the examination. No person shall be admitted to an examination who is not a graduate of the Boston Normal School or of one of the State Normal Schools, unless such person has had at least one year's experience in teaching school, or is a college graduate who has completed a satisfactory course of study in pedagogy. Candidates for the certificate of qualification, High School, Class A, shall be graduates of colleges in good standing, or of institutions which confer degrees of a corresponding grade. Written applications. Not eligible.

SECT. 131. The questions for the examination of candidates shall be adopted by the supervisors designated as aforesaid. The examination of candidates shall include inquiry into the moral character, the health, and the aptness to teach of the applicants. No person, except the Superintendent, the supervisors, and the members of the School Committee, shall be allowed to be present at any examination of candidates. Questions. Moral character, etc. Who may be present.

SECT. 132. The Superintendent shall grant certificates of qualification after examination to such candidates as he shall consider entitled to them, as follows: Certificates of qualification.

High School, Class A. To masters, and junior-masters of the Normal and High Schools, and principals of Evening High Schools.

High School, Class B. To assistant principals and assistants of the Normal School, and of day and evening High Schools, and to principals of Grammar Schools.

Grammar School, Class A. To masters and sub-masters of Grammar Schools, principals of Evening Elementary Schools, and assistants of Evening High Schools.

Grammar School, Class B. To assistants of Grammar, Primary, and Evening Elementary Schools.

Kindergartens. To instructors of Kindergartens.

Special. To instructors of special studies and of special schools.

Signed by.

The certificate of qualification shall be signed by the Superintendent and at least a majority of the supervisors; and no certificate shall be signed in blank. The certificate shall make the holder thereof eligible for service as a substitute, temporary teacher, or special assistant, or for appointment on probation.

Certificates of service.

SECT. 133. The Superintendent shall grant certificates of service to all instructors in their respective grades, who were in the service of the city of Boston as teachers, on the tenth day of January, 1876, when regularly confirmed; and also to the teachers of the Evening High School who were then in the service of the city; and this certificate shall entitle the holder thereof to all the rights and privileges conferred by the certificate of qualification.

Special cases.

The Superintendent may report to the Board, for special consideration, all cases that he deems exceptional.

Certificates not valid.

SECT. 134. No certificate, the holder of which has been out of the service of the city for a term of two years, shall be valid, unless renewed by the Superintendent after careful investigation.

List of certificated teachers.

The Superintendent shall revise, at least once a year, the list of certificated teachers who are available for service. He shall strike therefrom the names of those who, after a fair trial and careful investigation, are found to be incompetent teachers. For the use of the Board, and the committees thereof, a classification shall be made of those persons whose names remain on the list, according to their excellence and their probable fitness for certain positions.

CHAPTER XV.

Duties of the Principals.

Printed proceedings of Board to be official notice.

SECTION 135. Principals shall see that every teacher appointed in their schools or districts is supplied with a copy of the Rules and Regulations. The printed pro-

ceedings of the Board shall be sent regularly to the principals of schools, who shall consider them official notices of the action of the Board, and shall be governed accordingly. Principals shall immediately inform the teachers under their charge of any amendments to the Rules and Regulations which relate to the duties of the teachers, and shall see that such amendments are properly noted in the special copies of the Rules and Regulations placed in the different school buildings under their charge.

Special copies of Rules and Regulations.

SECT. 136. Each principal shall make a monthly report to the Superintendent, on blanks furnished for the purpose, on or before the fifth school day of the month following that covered by such report. In these reports the principals shall express their opinion of the teaching and governing ability of such substitutes, temporary teachers, and special assistants as have been employed in the course of the month who have served for terms longer than two weeks. The principals shall also state in these reports whether the services of the truant officers, assigned to their several districts, have been satisfactorily performed during the month covered by the report. The reports shall be prepared under the direction of the principals and signed by them, and shall be kept on file in the office of the Superintendent for the inspection of the members of the Board only.

Monthly report.

Opinion on substitutes, etc.

Service of truant officers.

Preparation, signed.

SECT. 137. The principals of the Grammar Schools shall perform the duties of their office in the Grammar and Primary Schools, and in the Kindergartens of their respective districts. They shall have the special charge of the graduating classes. They shall give an average of at least two hours a day to instruction in their schools. They shall devote the remainder of their time to the general duties of their office, and to the supervision of the Primary Schools and the Kindergartens of their district, each of which they shall visit at least once a week.

Principals.

Graduating classes.

Visits and examinations.

SECT. 138. During the first week in February and in July each principal shall, on blanks furnished for this purpose, make to the Superintendent returns of the number of pupils.

Returns.

SECT. 139. Each principal, within one week after the appointment of a teacher, shall send to the Auditing Clerk the full name of such teacher, with the date of entering upon the duties of the office; he shall also give immediate notice to the Secretary and Auditing Clerk when any teacher has been transferred to another school or district, or has resigned or been removed.

Notice of appointment of teachers.

Of teachers transferred.

SECT. 140. Every principal shall require all subordinate teachers in his school or district to report to him, at the

Report cases of corporal punishment.

close of each day, all cases of corporal punishment, stating the name of the pupil, the amount of the punishment, and the reason of its infliction.

Suspension of scholars.

SECT. 141. A principal may suspend a scholar from school for violent and pointed opposition to authority in any particular instance, or when the example of the pupil is very injurious, and in cases where reformation appears to be hopeless; but he shall immediately inform the Superintendent, and the parent or guardian, of his action, and mention it in his next monthly report to the Superintendent.

Apology.

If any scholar so suspended shall make a satisfactory apology to the teacher or to the principal as the latter shall direct, and give promise of amendment, he shall, with the consent of the Superintendent, be reinstated in the school.

Rules for the yard, etc.

SECT. 142. Each principal shall prescribe such rules for the use of the yards and out-buildings as shall insure their being kept in a neat and proper condition; he shall examine them as often as may be necessary for that purpose; he shall be held responsible for any want of cleanliness on the premises; and when anything is out of order he shall give immediate notice thereof to the Auditing Clerk.

Fire.

Each principal shall give such instructions to his assistants as will prepare them to act prudently and promptly in case of a fire in the school building; and he shall so train the pupils that, at a given signal, they will leave the school-house in order and speedily. The fire-alarm signal shall be given at least once each month from September to April.

Outside doors of school buildings to be kept unlocked.

Each principal shall see that the outside doors of all the school buildings of his district are kept unlocked during school hours.

Janitors.

SECT. 143. The principals shall, under the direction of the Committee on Accounts, have the control of the janitors, and shall see that the rules for their government are enforced.

Fire.

Janitors shall be required to use extraordinary precautions against fire, especially when the scholars are in the building. The principals shall inform the chairman of the Committee on Accounts of any neglect of duty or any improper conduct on the part of the janitors.

Charges or complaints.

SECT. 144. All complaints from parents or guardians shall be referred to the principal in charge of the school or district. The principals shall patiently hear and impartially investigate any charges or complaints which may be preferred by parents or others against teachers in their respective schools or districts, and shall use their best endeavors to redress any real grievances.

Washington's Birthday.

Decoration Day.

SECT. 145. Annually on the last session of the school day next preceding the 22d of February and the 30th of May, the principals shall assemble the pupils of the High

and Grammar Schools for such patriotic exercises as they may deem advisable.

SECT. 146. Whenever, in the opinion of the principal, the work of the truant officer assigned to his district is not satisfactorily performed, the principal shall notify the chief truant officer of the fact. Services of truant officer.

SECT. 147. Principals shall keep, in books furnished for the purpose, a complete inventory of such gifts, such as pictures, casts, books, apparatus, etc., as may be in the possession, or as may hereafter come into the possession, of the schools under their charge. Said books shall always be open to the inspection of the members of the Board and the school officers. Paintings, engravings, casts, photographs, etc., intended for the adornment of the rooms of the public schools of Boston, shall first be approved by the Director of Drawing, before they are placed upon the walls of the school buildings. Inventory of gifts to be kept by principals. Paintings, etc., to be approved by the Director of Drawing.

CHAPTER XVI.

General Regulations of the Public Schools.

SECTION 148. The school year shall commence with the first day of September in each year, and there shall be two terms each year for the regular work in the schools; the first term beginning with the Tuesday following the first Monday in September, and the second term with the first Monday in February. School year.

SECT. 149. In every school building there shall be placed an interleaved copy of the Rules and Regulations, which shall always be open to the teachers of the building. It shall be the duty of some teacher — to be designated by the principal in charge — to carefully note in said copy all amendments passed by the School Committee. All teachers of the public schools are required to make themselves familiar with these Regulations, especially with such as relate to their individual duties, and to the instruction and discipline of their own schools, and are also required to see that the Regulations are faithfully observed. The supervisors shall satisfy themselves that teachers on probation have complied with the requirements of this section before recommending such teachers for confirmation; they shall also include a statement to that effect in their reports required under Section 92 of the Rules. Copy of Rules and Regulations to be kept in each school building. Teachers to observe the Regulations.

SECT. 150. The teachers shall punctually observe the hours appointed for opening and dismissing the schools, and during school hours shall faithfully devote themselves to their duties. In all intercourse with their scholars they General duties.

shall strive to impress on their minds, both by precept and example, the great importance of earnest efforts for improvement in morals, manners, and deportment, as well as in useful learning.

School hours.

SECT. 151. The sessions of the Normal, Latin, and High Schools shall begin at nine o'clock A.M. and close at two o'clock P.M., every week-day except Saturday, when there shall be no session. The morning session of the Grammar and Primary Schools shall begin at nine o'clock and close at twelve o'clock, with a recess of twenty minutes for every pupil when one-half of the session has expired. The afternoon session shall begin at two o'clock and close at four o'clock, with a recess of ten minutes in the Primary Schools, except that from the first Monday in November, to and including the last Friday in January, the afternoon session may begin at half-past one o'clock, and close at half-past three o'clock. *Provided*, that teachers may detain pupils in the afternoon only, not exceeding thirty minutes after the regular hour for dismissing school, either for purposes of discipline or to make up imperfect lessons; but no scholar shall be detained except for his own fault or neglect. The time employed by the pupils in passing out from and reëntering the school buildings shall be included in the time assigned for recess; there shall be as little delay as possible in reëntering the school building after recess. If a recess in the open air is impracticable, the pupils shall be exercised in the school-room. The recesses of the schools shall be approved by the principals. No variation of the school hours required by this section shall be made except by vote of the Board.

Recess.

After school.

Recess.

One session.

SECT. 152. When the schools are to be suspended for the afternoon, on account of stormy weather, the Superintendent shall cause three single strokes 1 — 1 — 1 — with twenty seconds intermission between each to be struck and repeated by the fire-alarm telegraph, at a quarter before twelve o'clock; and the Primary Schools shall be dismissed at twelve o'clock, and the Grammar Schools at one o'clock.

Fifteen minutes before school.

SECT. 153. All the school-rooms shall be opened, and the teachers shall be present, both morning and afternoon, *fifteen minutes* before the time for the session to begin.

Morning exercises.

SECT. 154. The morning exercises of all the schools shall begin with the reading in each class-room, by the teacher, of a portion of Scripture without note or comment; and no other religious exercises shall be allowed in the public schools.

Good morals.

SECT. 155. Good morals being of the highest importance to the pupils, and essential to their progress in useful knowl-

edge, instruction therein shall be given in all the schools. It shall be the duty of the instructors to secure good conduct and proper deportment on the part of their pupils, both in school and out, and especially in going to and returning from school.

Conduct of pupils in school and out.

SECT. 156. In every school shall be kept a register, in which shall be recorded the names, ages, dates of admission, and places of residence of the scholars; and in addition to this, other records shall be kept of the absence and tardiness of the scholars, and of their class exercises, which shall show their advancement and standing. In every school there shall be kept, in suitable books furnished for the purpose, a record of all certificates of thirty weeks' attendance, issued to pupils who leave school to go to work. These certificates shall be filled out by the teachers, and indorsed by the principal of the district, and sent to the proper authority to be signed on behalf of the Board. At the expiration of the time during which such pupils may legally work, the truant officers shall see that they return to school, or that a record is made of the reason for their not returning.

Register.

Records.

Certificates of thirty weeks' attendance at school issued to pupils.

SECT. 157. Applications shall be made for school registers, books for records, blanks for monthly reports, and stationery, to the Committee on Supplies, who will furnish what is required to all the schools.

Books and blanks.

SECT. 158. Teachers may visit other schools once a quarter to observe their methods of discipline and instruction, and any class or school may be dismissed for this purpose by the principal, with the consent of the Superintendent. Notice of the closing of the schools for this purpose shall be sent by the principals to the supervisors in charge. Teachers in buildings used by the city for election purposes are expected to make such visits of observation on the days when elections are held.

Teachers may visit other schools.

SECT. 159. All instructors shall endeavor to maintain such discipline in their schools as is exercised by a kind and judicious parent in his family, avoiding corporal punishment in all cases where good order can be preserved by milder measures; and in no case resorting to confinement in a closet or wardrobe, or to any cruel or unusual punishment. Corporal punishment shall be inflicted only after the nature of the offence has been fully explained to the scholar, shall not be inflicted in sight of other scholars, and shall be restricted to blows on the hand with a rattan. At the close of the day each instructor shall report in writing to the principal all cases of corporal punishment during such day, stating the name of the pupil, the amount of the punishment, and the reason for its infliction; and the prin-

Corporal punishment.

Report all cases.

cipal shall mention the number of such cases in his monthly report to the Superintendent. The reports of cases of corporal punishment required by Sections 140 and 159 shall be made on blanks prepared for the purpose, and shall be preserved on file by the principal of each district for two years, at the end of which time they shall be destroyed. These reports shall be open to the inspection of members of the School Committee, the Superintendent, and the supervisors. Corporal punishment shall not be inflicted upon girls in Grammar Schools, or upon any scholars in the High Schools.

Of girls in Grammar Schools forbidden.

Absence.

SECT. 160. Whenever a pupil has left school, intending not to return, or when a pupil has been absent one month, and the teacher finds on inquiry that there is no probability of an immediate return, the teacher shall take the name of such pupil from the list; but the previous absence shall remain recorded. The name of a pupil who is suspended from school, under any rule of the Board, shall be taken from the list. Any pupil shall be recorded as absent who has not been in school at least one-half of the session.

Temperature and ventilation.

SECT. 161. Teachers shall give vigilant attention to the ventilation and temperature of their school-rooms, both in winter and in summer, and see that the air of the rooms is effectually changed at each recess and at the end of each school session.

Physical exercise.

SECT. 162. The teachers shall so arrange the daily exercises in their classes that every scholar shall have, each forenoon and afternoon, some kind of physical exercise.

Teachers not allowed to sell books, etc.

SECT. 163. No instructor shall be allowed to sell, or keep for sale, any books, stationery, or other articles required for use in the schools.

Teachers not to keep private schools or edit newspaper, etc.

SECT. 164. No teacher shall keep a private school, or teach in any public school other than that in which he is regularly employed, or instruct private pupils before six o'clock P.M., except on Saturdays or during vacations, or edit any newspaper, or any religious or political periodical.

Prizes and presents.

Contributions.

SECT. 165. Teachers shall not award diplomas or prizes to their pupils, or receive any present of money or other property from them. No contribution for any purpose shall be permitted in any public school.

Advertisement.

Agents.

List of pupils.

SECT. 166. No advertisement shall be read to the pupils of any school on the premises thereof, or be posted on the walls or fences of any school building; and no agent or other person shall be permitted to enter any school premises for the purpose of exhibiting, either to teachers or pupils, any book or article offered for sale. No lists of pupils shall be given by teachers to any person not an official of the Board.

SECT. 167. The books used and the studies pursued in all the public schools shall be such only as are authorized by the Board, and under the provisions of Section 44; and the teachers shall not permit any unauthorized publications to be distributed in their schools, or placed in their libraries. Every teacher shall be at liberty to use such books or cards as he may deem desirable for the purpose of illustration or for examples; but such books or cards shall not be used as text-books or to the exclusion or neglect of the prescribed text-books, nor shall any pupil be required to furnish himself with any book for use in the schools. Authorized books and studies.

SECT. 168. All children living in the city, who are upwards of five years of age, and are not disqualified by non-compliance with the Regulations of the Board, shall be entitled to attend the public schools; but neither a non-resident pupil, nor one who has only a temporary residence in the city, shall be allowed to enter or to remain in any school, unless the parent, guardian, or some other responsible person has signed an agreement to pay the tuition of such scholar, or until a certified copy of a vote of the Committee on Accounts, permitting such scholar to attend the school, has been transmitted to the principal. The principal shall, at the commencement of each term, on blanks furnished for the purpose, send to the Committee on Accounts the names of such scholars, and of their parents or guardians, with their places of residence. And it shall be the duty of that committee each term to make out bills for tuition, and transmit the same to the City Collector for collection. Who may attend school. Non-resident pupils. Bills for tuition.

SECT. 169. No pupil who has been expelled from or is under suspension in one school shall be admitted to another, except by consent of the Board. Suspensions.

SECT. 170. A certificate of transfer shall be required of pupils moving from one school district to another. Pupils regularly discharged from one school shall be admitted to the same class of any other school, which they are entitled to attend, upon presenting their certificates of transfer. In every case of transfer two cards shall be given, one to the pupil and one to the truant officer. Certificate of transfer.

SECT. 171. No pupil shall be admitted to any of the public schools without a certificate of a physician that such pupil has been vaccinated, or a certificate signed by a regular practising physician that such child is an unfit subject for vaccination; but this certificate shall not be required of pupils who are transferred from one public school to another. In the case of all admissions of pupils for the first time to the public schools the principals shall make a record in some book, accessible for reference, of the Vaccination.

Record of certificates of vaccination to be kept.

fact that certificates of vaccination, or certificates that the pupils are unfit subjects for vaccination, have been presented, giving the name of each pupil, the date of admission, and the name and residence of the physician by whom the certificate is signed.

Whooping-cough.

No child sick with the whooping-cough shall be allowed to attend school; nor shall any child be allowed to attend any school in this city while any member of the household to which such child belongs is sick with small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or measles, or during a period of two weeks after the death, recovery, or removal of such sick person, such length of time being certified to in writing to a teacher by a physician or by the Board of Health. Whenever, by reason of the structure of tenement or other dwelling houses, families live in close contact with one another, so as to be practically as one family, the teachers and officers of the School Board shall regard such houses in which the families do not live apart, or are not removed from contagion, as one household, within the meaning of Chapter 64 of the Laws of 1884, and the acts in addition thereto.

Contagious diseases.

When children are absent from school on account of sickness, and whenever the principal has reason to suspect the existence of contagious diseases in any household, he shall be authorized to exclude pupils from school until the cases can be properly investigated.

Pupils not to be sent for absent pupils.

Pupils shall not be sent during school hours to the houses of absent pupils to ascertain the reasons for such absence. The principal of any school, upon the receipt of information satisfactory to him that any pupil attending a school under his charge has visited a household where, at the time of such visit, small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or measles existed, shall suspend such pupil from school for a period of two weeks next following such visit.

Cleanliness.

SECT. 172. Every pupil must come to school cleanly in his person and dress, and with his clothes in proper repair; in case of neglect in this respect it shall be the duty of the teacher to send him home to be suitably prepared for school.

Tardiness.

SECT. 173. Tardiness, unless satisfactorily explained, shall be subject to a proper penalty.

Absence.

No pupil shall be absent a part of any session for the purpose of receiving instruction elsewhere; nor shall a pupil leave before the close of school without the consent of the teacher.

Excuse.

Pupils shall not be considered tardy if they are within the school building at the hour of the beginning of the session.

Truants.

Pupils detained from school or coming late should present an excuse, but scholars should not be sent home for such excuse. In notifying the truant officer of the need of his

services, the teachers shall use the truant cards and truant blanks only, on which the details in each case shall be clearly stated.

SECT. 174. The third week in May shall be public week in all the schools. The exercises on these days shall be of the same general character as the ordinary exercises of the schools, and shall be conducted in such a way as to enable the parents and other visitors to judge of the attainments of the scholars in the studies pursued during the year. Public week.

SECT. 175. There shall be graduating exercises of the Grammar Schools during the week preceding the fourth of July, and of the High Schools at such times during the same week as the Board may direct, due notice of which shall be given to the members by the Secretary. The pupils' part in the graduating exercises shall not occupy more than one hour, and shall consist of singing, reading, and such other exercises of a simple kind as grow naturally out of the studies pursued during the year. With the exception of singing, the graduating exercises in all the schools shall be confined to the graduating classes, and no public exhibition of proficiency in music, drawing, physical exercises, military drill, or other special study shall be given by all or a part of the schools, without the consent of the Board, or by any or all of the schools of a district without the consent of the committee in charge. Graduating exercises. Length. Other exhibitions.

SECT. 176. An exhibition of the acquirements of the pupils of the public schools in music or in drawing shall be held under the direction of the committee on these branches when the Board shall so direct. The Annual Festival, complimentary to the medal and diploma scholars, shall be held at such time and place as the Board shall determine, under the direction of a committee of five members of the Board, to be appointed at the first meeting in April. Music and drawing. Annual Festival.

SECT. 177. The following holidays and vacations shall be granted to the schools, viz.: every Saturday; the first Monday in September; the half day before Thanksgiving day and the remainder of the week; the half day before Christmas day; one week, commencing with Christmas day; New Year's day; the Twenty-second of February; Good Friday; the Nineteenth of April; the week immediately preceding the second Monday in April; Decoration day; the Seventeenth of June; and to the Primary Schools from the Friday preceding the week of graduating exercises in the schools; and to the Normal, High, and Grammar Schools from their respective graduating exercises to the Tuesday following the first Monday in September. The president of the Board is authorized to suspend the schools, Holidays and vacations.

not exceeding six sessions, in each municipal year. No other holiday shall be allowed except by vote of three-fourths of the members of the Board present; and no school shall be suspended on any other occasion, except for important reasons peculiar to that school, and then only by express permission of the Superintendent.

CHAPTER XVII.

Regulations of the Kindergartens.

Kindergartens.

SECTION 178. The Kindergartens shall be under the charge of the Director of Kindergartens under the supervision and control of the Superintendent, and in them instruction shall be given to children of three and one-half years of age and upwards. The sessions of these schools shall be such as the Board shall determine, which shall also prescribe the course of instruction.

Sessions.

Instructors to visit homes of pupils.

SECT. 179. Instructors of Kindergartens shall regularly devote their afternoons to visiting in the families of the districts, for the purpose of securing the interest and co-operation of the parents in Kindergarten work, and of promoting regularity of attendance. If any child is absent for three successive days, the instructor shall ascertain the cause of absence by making a visit to the child's home. No corporal punishment nor physical restraint of any kind shall be used in a Kindergarten.

Instructors to be under authority of principals of Grammar Schools.

SECT. 180. Instructors of Kindergartens shall make reports to, and be under the care and direction of, the principals of the school districts in which they may be placed, who shall include in their monthly reports to the Superintendent such information as may be called for. The instructors shall be visited and reported upon by the supervisors; and in general shall be subject to the Rules and Regulations so far as applicable to them.

Promotion of pupils to Primary Schools.

SECT. 181. Pupils not qualified for admission to any Primary School shall take the course in the Kindergartens. Any pupil in the Kindergartens, deemed by the principal of the district qualified for promotion, may be promoted to a Primary School before the end of the year, with the consent of the Superintendent.

CHAPTER XVIII.

School Districts.

Districts.

SECTION 182. The city shall be divided into districts, comprising a Grammar School and a certain number of Primary

Schools, as the Board shall designate, each district taking the name of the Grammar School. The several districts shall be grouped in divisions, as follows: No. 1, the schools of East Boston; No. 2, of Charlestown; No. 3, Bowdoin, Eliot, Hancock, Phillips, and Wells districts; No. 4, Brimmer, Prince, Quincy, and Winthrop districts; No. 5, Dwight, Everett, Franklin, Hyde, and Sherwin districts; No. 6, the schools of South Boston; No. 7, of Roxbury, except the Lowell District; No. 8, of West Roxbury and Brighton, and the Lowell District; No. 9, of Dorchester. Divisions.

CHAPTER XIX.

Regulations of the Primary Schools.

SECTION 183. The pupils in the Primary Schools shall be divided into three grades, and each grade may be subdivided, as its numbers may require. The schools in each district shall be graded under the direction of the principal. The lowest grade in the Primary Schools shall be designated the first grade. Classification of schools.

SECT. 184. Children shall be admitted to those schools which are the most convenient for them to attend, and for which they are qualified, provided such schools are not already full; and in all cases of doubt or difficulty in respect to the admission of pupils, the teacher shall apply to the principal for advice and direction. Teachers of the lowest grade, with the permission of the Superintendent, may decline to receive pupils after October 31 or March 31, or whenever the number of pupils shall exceed fifty-six; but a record shall be kept by each teacher of the names and residences of all applicants who have been refused admission, so that the Superintendent may know the number of children requiring school accommodations. Applicants shall be admitted in the order of application. Admission. Lowest class. Record.

SECT. 185. The regular promotion of scholars from grade to grade shall be made on the Tuesday following the first Monday in September and the first Monday in February. Promotions of individual pupils may be made at any time by the principal of the district, with the approval of the Superintendent. Promotions.

SECT. 186. The course of study shall be for three years, and shall be arranged by the Superintendent and approved by the Board. Course of study.

CHAPTER XX.

Regulations of the Grammar Schools.

Division into grades.

SECTION 187. The pupils in the Grammar Schools shall be divided into six grades, and each grade may be subdivided as its numbers may require. The lowest grade in these schools shall be designated the fourth grade.

Courses of study.

The courses of study shall be for either four or six years, and shall be arranged by the Superintendent and approved by the Board. If any division complete the course of study assigned to its grade previous to the regular time for promotion, it may, with the approval of the principal, begin upon the text-books prescribed for the next higher grade.

Out-of-school lessons.

SECT. 188. Lessons to be learned out of school shall be such as a pupil of good capacity can learn in an hour's study at most, and shall not be required from the pupils in the Primary Schools, or in the Grammar Schools below the seventh grade, and no such lessons shall be required during the month of June, except from the ninth grade. Lessons to be studied in school shall not be such as to require a pupil of ordinary capacity to study out of school to learn them.

Ungraded classes.

SECT. 189. No pupil shall be placed in an ungraded class for misconduct.

Sewing.

Sewing shall be taught in any ungraded class of girls, if the Superintendent and principal deem it expedient. Any Primary scholar, over eight years of age, may be removed to an ungraded class by the principal.

Districts.

SECT. 190. No pupil shall be admitted to or retained in any school except that of the district in which such pupil lives, without the written consent of the Superintendent.

Special permits.

Extension of instruction in sewing.

SECT. 191. Instruction in sewing may be extended into other grades of the Grammar Schools than those provided for in the course of study, by the Board, on the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Organization.

SECT. 192. It shall be the duty of the principals to superintend the organization of all the grades of the Grammar Schools.

Graduates.

No pupil who is qualified for admission to a High School shall, without the consent of the Superintendent, be allowed to remain in the ninth grade of a Grammar School after the close of the year in which he was a member of such grade.

Forenoon studies.

SECT. 193. In the arrangement of the studies and recitations in the Grammar Schools, those which most severely task the pupils shall, as far as practicable, be assigned to the forenoon.

SECT. 194. No books of reference belonging to any public school shall be kept out of the school-house during school hours. The master shall be responsible for all the books of reference, globes, maps, and charts of his school, and shall annually, in the month of September, make a correct return of the same to the Committee on Supplies. Books of reference.

CHAPTER XXI.

Regulations of the High Schools.

SECTION 195. The general Regulations of the Public Schools, Chapter XVI., so far as they are applicable, are required to be enforced in all the High Schools. High Schools.

SECT. 196. Pupils under the age of thirteen years shall not be admitted to any High School without special permission of the Superintendent. Age for admission.

SECT. 197. Applicants for admission other than graduates of the public Grammar Schools shall present certificates of good character from the principals of the schools they last attended, and shall pass a satisfactory examination which shall be equivalent to that required for graduation from the Grammar Schools. Certificates of character.

SECT. 198. The examination for admission of applicants who are not graduates of the Grammar Schools shall take place on the Tuesday and Wednesday following the first Monday in September, and shall be conducted at the same time in each study, and with the same questions, which shall be adopted by the Supervisors. Examination of applicants not graduates.

SECT. 199. Pupils who are members, but not graduates, of Grammar Schools, or who have been members of such schools at any time within the current municipal year, shall not be admitted to an examination for admission to any High School; *provided*, that boys who have attained the age of fourteen, and girls who have attained the age of fifteen, though members, but not graduates, of Grammar Schools, may be examined at the appointed time, and admitted, if qualified; and the principals shall grant, or, for sufficient reason, decline to grant, the required certificate of good character. Members not graduates of Grammar Schools.

SECT. 200. Whenever any question is raised, under the Regulations of the Board, in regard to the admission of an applicant, it shall be decided by the Superintendent. Questions to be decided.

SECT. 201. The course of study shall be for three years, and shall be arranged by the Superintendent and approved by the Board. An advanced course of one year more for such pupils as have completed the three years' course shall be established. Course of study; three years. Advanced course.

Diplomas.

SECT. 202. Pupils who have completed the three years' course to the satisfaction of the Supervisors shall be entitled to a diploma; and those who have completed the advanced course, to an additional diploma, on the same condition.

Military drill.

SECT. 203. Instruction in military drill shall be given in the High Schools, under the charge of a special drill officer, to all boys of good physical condition, who are thirteen years old, or more. The time occupied in drill shall not exceed two hours in each week.

Admission of pupils to schools in any district.

SECT. 204. The Superintendent shall admit pupils eligible for High School instruction to a High School, in any district other than that in which they reside, the same having been first designated by their parents or guardians, in a written communication to him, and no pupil shall be transferred from one High School to another, except by his permission.

CHAPTER XXII.

Regulations of the Latin Schools.

Course of study.

SECTION 205. The course of study for the Latin Schools shall be for six years, and shall be arranged by the Superintendent, and approved by the Board.

Admission of graduates of Grammar Schools.

Other applicants.

SECT. 206. Graduates of the Grammar Schools to whom diplomas have been awarded shall be admitted, without examination, to such advanced classes as their qualifications may entitle them to enter. Other applicants for admission shall be at least eleven years of age, and shall present certificates of character from the principals of the schools they last attended, and pass an examination equivalent to that required for admission to the seventh grade of the Grammar Schools, on the third Saturday in June, and on the Tuesday following the first Monday in September, the questions for such examinations to be adopted by the Supervisors. Candidates for admission to the Latin Schools must present a written statement from parents or guardians of their intention to give such candidates a collegiate education.

Diploma.

SECT. 207. Pupils who have completed the course of study to the satisfaction of the supervisors shall be entitled to a diploma.

CHAPTER XXIII.

Regulations of the Boston Normal School.

SECTION 208. The Boston Normal School is established for the purpose of giving professional instruction to the young women who intend to become teachers in the public schools of Boston. The course of study in this school shall be for two years, and shall be divided into four terms of half a year each.

Boston Normal School.

Course of study.

SECT. 209. Candidates for admission must be at least eighteen years of age, unless an exception is made by the Superintendent, and must be recommended for admission by the master of the last school they attended. Those who have completed the fourth year of the High School course, and those who shall have received from a university or college, which shall be approved by the Superintendent conjointly with the head-master, a degree or certificate of graduation, will be admitted without examination. Those who shall have received from a university or college, from a State Normal School, or from such other institutions as give pedagogical instruction, approved by the Superintendent conjointly with the head-master, a degree or certificate of graduation, may be admitted to the first class if they prove to be qualified, and may take the kindergarten course or any of the other optional courses in one year. Other candidates must show to the Superintendent conjointly with the head-master, both by examination and recommendation, that they are qualified. Pupils shall be admitted to this school for the regular and special courses only at the beginning of a school year. All pupils shall be put on probation, and as soon as, in the opinion of the Superintendent and the head-master, they prove unsuitable for this school, shall be discharged by the committee on the school, if they deem proper.

Candidates for admission.

Examination for admission.

Probation.

SECT. 210. Pupils who fail of promotion or graduation may join the following class; but no pupil shall repeat the work of any class more than once.

Pupils failing of promotion.

SECT. 211. A diploma of graduation from the Normal School, issued after the year 1872, shall entitle the holder to receive a certificate of qualification, Grammar School, Class B; but those who take the kindergarten course shall be entitled to receive certificates of qualification as teachers of the Kindergartens and Primary Schools only. When teachers are to be employed in the public schools, graduates of this school shall have the preference, other things being equal.

Certificates of qualification.

Preference to graduates as teachers.

SECT. 212. The text-books used in this school shall be such of the text-books used in the other public schools of

Text-books.

the city as are needed for the course of study, and such others as shall be authorized by the Board.

School year.

SECT. 213. This school shall begin on the Wednesday following the first Monday in September; and shall close on such day of the week preceding the Fourth of July as the Superintendent may direct.

Report of head-master.

Catalogue.

SECT. 214. The head-master shall annually make a report to the Superintendent, which, under their direction, shall, in whole or in part, be printed, with a catalogue of the school, and be sent to the members of the School Committee and the Board of Supervisors, the principals of schools, and the members of the graduating classes of High Schools.

Visits of head-masters or assistants.

SECT. 215. When a graduate of this school is appointed as teacher in any public school of this city, it shall be the duty of the head-master to make, or cause to be made by his assistants, one or more visits to her school for the purpose of criticism and suggestions in regard to her teaching.

Instruction of teachers.

Instruction in music and drawing.

SECT. 216. Such instruction shall be given, in connection with the Normal School, to teachers in the employ of the city, as the Superintendent may direct. Special instruction in music and drawing shall be given in this school, under the direction of the committees on these departments.

Training teachers.

Visits of Normal pupils.

SECT. 217. The Superintendent shall, in the month of September of each year, after consultation with the principals of schools, designate a sufficient number of the teachers in the public schools — the number to be not less than fifty — to act as training teachers. The head-master shall send the Normal pupils into the Training School and into the rooms of the other training teachers for observation and practice in teaching, under his direction, four weeks during the second term, eight weeks during the third term, and four weeks during the fourth term; and he may send them, under proper guidance, to study the Museums of Natural History and Fine Arts, and important manufacturing industries. The principals of schools in which the Normal pupils observe and practise shall report to the head-master, in writing, their opinion of the teaching and governing ability of such pupils. Pupils who take the Kindergarten course shall be required to observe and practise in Grammar and Primary Schools only eight weeks. Other needed observation shall be made in the Kindergartens.

Post-graduate course.

SECT. 218. There shall be a post-graduate course of one year in this school, for the further study of the principles of education and methods of instruction, and for observation and practice in teaching; and pupils attending this course may be employed as substitutes, or temporary

teachers, or appointed as permanent teachers. Regular instruction shall be provided for the pupils of the post-graduate class for one term only; but they may attend the instruction given in the other classes for the rest of the year.

Course of study.

SECT. 219. The course of study in this school is pursued with special reference to teaching, and is as follows:

1. Psychology and Logic.
2. Principles of Education.
3. History of Education.
4. General Theory of the Kindergarten.
5. Methods of Instruction and Discipline.
6. Physiology and Hygiene.
7. The Studies of the Primary and Grammar Schools.
8. Observation and Practice in the Public Schools.
9. Science of Language.
10. Phonics.
11. Gymnastics.
12. Vocal Music.
13. Drawing and Blackboard Illustration.
14. Optional courses designed for the special preparation of teachers in the following departments: (*a*) The Kindergarten; (*b*) Elementary Science; (*c*) Gymnastics; (*d*) Form, Color, and Drawing; (*e*) Vocal Music; (*f*) Cookery; (*g*) Sewing; (*h*) Manual Training. Pupils, with the advice and consent of the head-master, may pursue the study of the Kindergarten during the two years, or any one of the optional courses during the second year.

Optional courses.

TRAINING SCHOOL.

Training School.

SECTION 220. The Rice Training School is intended to give the pupils of the Normal School a practical knowledge of the methods of instruction and discipline in the public schools of Boston.

Head-master's powers.

SECT. 221. The head-master of the Normal School shall have the direction of the observation, practice, and methods of instruction in the Training School, subject to the approval of the Superintendent.

Principal of Training School.

SECT. 222. The principal of the Training School shall perform in that school the usual duties of master of a Grammar School, and such duties in connection with the Normal School as the Superintendent may direct.

Course of study.

SECT. 223. The course of study in the Training School shall be the same as in the Grammar and Primary Schools of the city.

SECT. 224. The instructors in the Normal School shall perform such service in the Training School as the head-master may direct.

CHAPTER XXIV.

Regulations of Horace Mann School for the Deaf.

School for deaf-mutes.

SECTION 225. This school was established by the Boston School Committee, in coöperation with the State Board of Education, as a day school for deaf children, to whom it may be accessible.

Age of admission.

SECT. 226. Pupils over five years of age are admitted, in accordance with an act passed by the Legislature in 1869 (Public Statutes, Chap. 41, Sect. 16):

"With the approval of the Board [of Education] the Governor may send such deaf-mutes or deaf children as he may deem fit subjects for instruction, at the expense of the Commonwealth, for a term not exceeding ten years in the case of any pupil, to the American Asylum at Hartford, or to the Clarke Institution for Deaf-mutes at Northampton, or any other school for deaf-mutes in this Commonwealth, as the parents or guardians may prefer."

Object of school.

SECT. 227. This school is designed to give an elementary English education, but, as a preparation for this, it must first impart to pupils entering as deaf-mutes the meaning and use of ordinary language. It aims to teach all of its pupils to speak, and to read the speech of others from their lips. The General Regulations of the Public Schools, Chapter XVI., so far as applicable, are to be enforced in this school.

Regulations.

Diploma.

SECT. 228. Pupils who have completed the course of study to the satisfaction of the supervisors shall be entitled to a diploma. The diploma shall be signed by the President of the Board and the principal of the school.

Session.

SECT. 229. The sessions of this school shall begin at 9 A.M. and close at 2 P.M., on every week day except Saturday, when there shall be no session.

CHAPTER XXV.

Regulations of the Evening Schools.

Evening Schools established.

SECTION 230. Evening Schools for adults, and such children as are unable to attend the day schools, may be established by the Superintendent with the approval of the Board as follows:

Examination for admission.

1. One Evening High School for pupils from all parts of the city who are qualified for admission. No pupil shall attend this school who has not passed a satisfactory examination in reading, writing, arithmetic, and geography.

Establishing of Evening Schools.

2. Elementary Evening Schools may be established, subject to the provisions of paragraph 3.

3. No Evening School shall be established unless forty scholars have previously pledged themselves to attend the same regularly; and any Evening School shall be discontinued when the average attendance of the preceding month has fallen below thirty. Discontinuance of Evening Schools.

4. The Superintendent shall have the general charge and supervision of these schools.

SECT. 231. The term of the Evening Schools shall begin on the last Monday in September, and close on the second Friday in March. The two weeks immediately preceding the first school day in January shall be vacation. The sessions of the Evening High School shall begin at half-past seven and close at half-past nine o'clock; the sessions of the Elementary Schools shall begin at seven o'clock and close at nine o'clock, on the five evenings of the week from Monday to Friday, both inclusive, the evenings of legal holidays excepted. The school-rooms shall be open and the teachers shall be present fifteen minutes before the time for the session to begin. Term of Evening Schools. Vacation. Sessions.

SECT. 232. The principal shall be responsible for the general management of the school. The principal of each school, with as many assistants as may be necessary, shall be in attendance at the school-rooms for the examination, registry, and classification of applicants for admission, on such evenings before the beginning of the term as the Superintendent may designate. Examination, etc., of applicants.

SECT. 233. The principals shall make a monthly report to the Superintendent, on blanks furnished for the purpose, on or before the fifth day of the month following that covered by such report. The principal of each Evening School shall keep an exact record of the attendance of every pupil, and once each month shall report the same to the Superintendent. Monthly report. Records.

SECT. 234. No pupil in the day schools shall be admitted to an Evening School except by special permission of the Superintendent. No person under eighteen years of age shall be received as a pupil of any Evening School until he has stated to the principal thereof what evenings he can probably attend, and has pledged himself to attend upon those evenings as regularly as his circumstances will permit. No pupil shall be admitted to the Evening High School who is unable to attend at least two evenings per week, except by permission of the Superintendent. The principal shall enter the name, address, and the evenings for the attendance of each pupil, in a book kept for the purpose. Any scholar who shall absent himself from the school for three consecutive evenings on which his attendance is due shall be discharged, and shall not be readmitted Admission of pupil. Discharge of pupil.

until he shall have satisfactorily explained his absence. A principal may discharge a pupil for disobedience or improper conduct; and such pupil shall not be reinstated without the consent of the Superintendent.

Exhibition.

SECT. 235. Public examinations or exhibitions may be held at the close of the season, with the consent of the committee in charge.

Text-books.

SECT. 236. The text-books used in the Evening Schools shall be such only as are duly authorized by the Board. The principal shall be responsible for all books owned by the city; and they shall not be taken from the school-house.

Course of study.

SECT. 237. The courses of study for the Evening Schools shall be arranged by the Superintendent and approved by the Board.

Services of truant officers.

SECT. 238. The truant officers, or such of them as may be detailed for the purpose by the Committee on Truant Officers, shall render such service in connection with the Evening Schools as may be required by the Superintendent.

Buildings for Evening Schools.

SECT. 239. The Superintendent shall report to the Board, for approval, such school-houses, or other buildings, as are needed for the use of the Evening Schools.

Regulations.

SECT. 240. The Evening Schools shall be governed by the Regulations of the School Committee other than those contained in this chapter, so far as the same are applicable.

Certificates.

SECT. 241. A certificate for regular and punctual attendance, good deportment, and general proficiency shall be awarded by the Superintendent to pupils in the Evening Schools, at the close of the term. Certificates shall be signed by the Superintendent and the principal. The Board of Supervisors shall award diplomas to such members of the Evening Elementary Schools as shall have passed a satisfactory examination with the questions adopted by the Supervisors.

Certificates and diplomas, Evening High School.

SECT. 242. The Supervisors shall award certificates of proficiency in the different branches of study to such pupils in the Evening High School at the close of the term as shall have passed a satisfactory examination with questions adopted by the Supervisors. A pupil receiving six full certificates, or their equivalent, shall be entitled to a diploma of graduation from the school. Certificates shall be signed by the Superintendent and the principal of the school.

CHAPTER XXVI.

Regulations of the Free Evening Schools for Industrial Drawing.

SECTION 243. Evening Schools for free instruction in industrial drawing, under the direction of the Director of Drawing, may be established in such of the school-houses, — with the consent of the Committee on School Houses, — and in such other places as the Superintendent with the approval of the Board shall from time to time deem expedient. Evening Drawing Schools.

SECT. 244. There shall be one term of the Evening Drawing Schools, beginning on the third Monday in October and continuing for sixty-six working nights. Term.

SECT. 245. The schools shall be opened at half-past seven o'clock, and closed at half-past nine o'clock, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week, the evenings of legal holidays excepted. The rooms shall be open and the teachers present fifteen minutes before the beginning of school hours. Sessions.

SECT. 246. The teachers of each school shall be in attendance at the school buildings, for the examination, registry, and classification of applicants for admission, on such evenings, before the beginning of the term, as the Director may designate. Examination, etc., of applicants.

SECT. 247. No person shall be admitted under the age of fifteen years, or at any time other than the beginning of the term, except by express permission of the Director. Age for admission.

SECT. 248. The principals shall make a monthly report to the Superintendent, on blanks furnished for the purpose, on or before the fifth day of the month following that covered by such report. The principal of each Evening Drawing School shall keep an exact record of the attendance of every pupil, and once each month shall report the same to the Superintendent. Monthly report. Records.

SECT. 249. A teacher may discharge a pupil for disobedience or improper conduct, with the consent of the Superintendent, and shall communicate to the principal teachers of the other drawing schools the names of all pupils thus dismissed. No pupil discharged for misconduct shall be admitted to any of the other drawing schools, without the consent of the Superintendent. Discharge of pupils.

SECT. 250. A general exhibition shall be held at the close of the term, and diplomas awarded to those pupils who, in the judgment of the Director of Drawing, have completed the course creditably. The date of the exhibition shall be determined by the Director of Drawing, and announced in the schools not later than ten days prior to the close of the term. Exhibitions, diplomas.

CHAPTER XXVII.

Regulations of the Manual Training Schools.

Manual Training Schools.

Sessions.

Term of schools of cookery.

SECTION 251. These schools are established for the purpose of giving manual instruction to the pupils of the public schools. The morning sessions of these schools shall begin at nine o'clock and close at twelve o'clock; the afternoon sessions shall begin at two o'clock and close at four o'clock. The schools of cookery shall begin on the second Monday in September and close on the first Friday in June.

Classes to be furnished by principals.

SECT. 252. The masters of districts, wherever classes in manual training are established, shall be required to furnish scholars from the grades under their care, the number to be determined by the Superintendent. It shall be their duty also to see that pupils are punctual and regular in their attendance, and are not excused from any lesson without imperative reason. Whenever classes are detained, prompt notice shall be sent to the teachers.

Classes to alternate morning and afternoon.

Pupils to complete the course.

SECT. 253. Pupils of classes in manual training shall attend morning and afternoon sessions alternately, whenever practicable, in order that each pupil shall have an equal amount of instruction. Pupils beginning a course of instruction in manual training shall be required to complete the same, unless excused by the Superintendent. No pupil shall be admitted to classes in domestic economy below the seventh grade, unless permission is given by the Superintendent.

Exhibitions.

SECT. 254. All exhibitions of manual training shall be in charge of the teachers of that department.

Records and report.

SECT. 255. Such records shall be kept, and such reports shall be made to the Superintendent, as he shall prescribe.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

Regulations of the Eastburn School Fund.

Eastburn School Fund.

SECTION 256. The interest of the Eastburn School Fund shall be drawn from the city treasury, from time to time, as needed, by the head-master of the Normal School, on the order of the Auditing Clerk, on vote of the Committee on Accounts.

Head-master to expend income.

SECT. 257. The money thus received shall be expended by the head-master, with the approval of the Superintendent, for the benefit of deserving and poor scholars attending the Boston Normal School.

Account of expenditures.

SECT. 258. The head-master shall keep an account of such expenditures, with vouchers, which account shall be open to the inspection of the School Committee; and a

statement of the expenditures shall be presented to the Committee on Accounts, on the first days of January and July.

SECT. 259. The head-master's account shall be audited, semi-annually, by the Chairman of the Committees on Accounts, after which the vouchers shall be filed with the Clerk of the Committee on Accounts, and opened only thereafter to the inspection of the Chairman of the Committee on Accounts. Auditing of account of expenditures.

CHAPTER XXIX.

Regulations of the Truant Officers.

SECTION 260. The several school districts having been so grouped together as to make the labors of the officers as nearly equal as possible, each truant officer shall be assigned to one of these groups, and shall be held responsible under these regulations, and such regulations as the Committee on Truant Officers and Janitors may from time to time prescribe, for the judicious and faithful discharge of the duties of his office. The Committee on Truant Officers and Janitors shall appoint one of the officers, subject to the approval of the Board, as chief of the truant force. The truant-officers shall perform their duties under the direction of the Superintendent. Assignment of officers.

SECT. 261. Each truant officer shall give his whole time to the discharge of the duties of his office, except as may be otherwise provided for vacations by the Committee on Truant Officers and Janitors. He shall endeavor to procure the attendance at school of all the children of the districts assigned to him who are required by the law to attend school, and especially of such as are not members of any school, visiting them at their homes or places of employment, or looking after them in the streets for this purpose; and he shall, by persuasion and argument, both with the children and their parents or guardians, and by other means than legal compulsion, strive to secure such attendance. He shall, at least once a month, consult the record-book of certificates of attendance issued to pupils, and see that such pupils return to school on the expiration of the certificates, or report the reason for their not returning, to the principal. Chief. Duties of officers.

SECT. 262. The truant officers shall not be employed to inquire into the occasional absence of pupils of the public schools who are not suspected of truancy, or be required to visit those suspended by principals, unless otherwise directed by the Committee on Truant Officers and Jantors. When their services are requested by the teachers to inquire into the absence of pupils suspected of truancy, the Occasional absence of pupils.

truant officers shall take action in those cases only which are reported to them with the details properly given on the regular truant cards furnished for the purpose. When the services of an officer are required by a teacher for any purpose other than that recited above, the teacher shall fill out the special blank (Information Card) furnished for the purpose, clearly stating the details and the information desired. These blanks shall be countersigned by the principal of the district, except that the principal may designate one teacher in such school buildings in his district as are located at long distances from the Grammar School, who shall countersign Information Card in place of the principal; a list of such teachers to be sent to the chief and to the officer of the district. The officers shall investigate all cases properly referred to them, and report upon them as soon as possible. They shall note on the back of each truant card and information card the date on which their investigations are completed, and affix their signatures. These cards and blanks shall be returned to the principals, who shall indorse them and forward them once a week to the chief truant officer. Truant officers shall act in those cases only which are referred to them by the teachers, in the manner set forth in this regulation.

Blanks.

To investigate cases referred to them.

SECT. 263. The truant officers shall investigate and report upon cases which may be referred to them, in writing, by any committee or member of the Board, the Superintendent, the chief truant officer, or a principal.

When a child may be arrested.

SECT. 264. When a truant officer shall be unable, in a district assigned to him, to procure the attendance at school, either public or private, of any child who is an habitual truant, or who is required by the provisions of statute law to attend school, it shall be the duty of such officer to file with the chief truant officer a written statement, giving the name, age, and residence of the child, the names of the parents or guardians; and, in case of truancy, the name of the school attended by such child, the name of the teacher, and the number of instances of supposed truancy during the three months immediately preceding the filing of the statement; thereupon the chief truant officer, if in his judgment the case is a proper one for prosecution, shall authorize the application for a warrant for the arrest of such child to a court having jurisdiction.

Reports of scarlet fever, etc.

SECT. 265. The chief truant officer shall obtain daily from the office of the Board of Health the reports of all cases of scarlet fever and other diseases dangerous to the public health, and the several truant officers shall immediately give notice thereof to the principals of the schools

or districts assigned to them. Truant officers shall not visit premises where contagious diseases are believed to exist, unless absolutely necessary.

SECT. 266. Such officers as may be detailed by the chief shall attend the Evening Schools when in session, and shall render such services in connection with those schools as may be required of them by the Superintendent.

Service in Evening Schools.

SECT. 267. The Committee on Truant Officers and Janitors shall make such further regulations for the government of the truant officers in the discharge of their duties as may be necessary.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Allen, it was

Ordered, That the amendments offered by Mr. Lowell be printed in full in the Minutes.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order that the Rules be amended so as to provide that teachers who propose to resign must give to the Secretary of the School Committee at least two weeks' notice in writing of their intention so to do, reported that this matter has been given due consideration, and, in the opinion of this committee, it is not expedient to amend the Rules as suggested in the order referred.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; notice of intention of teachers to resign.

Accepted.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

Amendment to Rules and Regulations; providing that report of Annual School Festival be included in Annual Report.

SECT. 75. Insert after the word "advisable," in the thirteenth line, the words "a report of the Annual School Festival."

Passed to a second reading.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, who were requested — Jan. 25 — to consider and report upon the expediency of amending the Rules and Regulations so

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; certificates of

proficiency to pupils in High and Latin schools. [See p. 31.]

as to permit the granting of certificates of proficiency to certain pupils in the High and Latin Schools, reported that in their judgment the suggestion made should be carried into effect, and to that end they recommend the passage of the appended order.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECT. 173. Insert after the word "diplomas," in the eighth line, the words, "The Board of Supervisors may grant certificates of proficiency to such pupils in the High and Latin Schools as have satisfactorily completed a part of the authorized course of study."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations relative to appointment of instructors, etc. [See p. 29.]

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order that the Rules be amended so that the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors shall no longer be required before the election, appointment, or transfer of directors, principals, and instructors, and — Jan. 25 — another order to the same effect, reported that this is the same general subject that has received so much attention both in this committee and in the Board, during the past year. The opinion of this committee was very fully expressed in a report presented to the Board Oct. 26, 1897, which also embodied a report of the Board of Supervisors on the same subject. In the judgment of this committee a sufficient time has not elapsed since the amendments adopted last June to show that any change with regard to this matter is necessary or advisable. They therefore recommend that it is inexpedient to amend the Rules as suggested in the orders referred.

Mr. Paul moved that the following order, offered by him at the meeting of the Board held January 25, be substituted for the foregoing report:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECT. 81. Strike out all after the word "Nominations," in the seventh line, to and including the words, "Board of Supervisors," in the nineteenth line.

SECT. 84. Strike out the words "obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors," in the eighth and ninth lines, and insert in place thereof the words, "conferring with the principals."

SECT. 90. Strike out the words "after obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors," in the fourth and fifth lines, and insert in place thereof the words, "after consulting with the Board of Supervisors."

Strike out, in the second paragraph, all after the word "election," in the sixth line.

SECT. 91. Strike out the words "after obtaining the written recommendation of the Board of Supervisors," in the second, third, and fourth lines, and insert in place thereof the words, "in consultation with the principal."

On motion of Mr. Paul, the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion to substitute. Yeas and nays.

Mr. Paul's motion to substitute was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Bateman, Calderwood, Davison, Gallivan, Paul, and Strange — 7.

Nays: Messrs. Allen, Anderson, Bassett, Bowdlear, Coolidge, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Hubbard, Huggan, and Lowell — 12.

Absent: Mrs. Ames, Mr. Burrill, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. McDonald.

The report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations was accepted, and their recommendation adopted.

The Chair read the following:

Request for instruction in sloyd to pupils in Marcella-street Home.

CITY OF BOSTON.
CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT,
MARCELLA-ST. HOME AND NURSERY,
BOSTON HIGHLANDS, Feb. 21, 1898.

The School Committee, City of Boston:

The undersigned respectfully asks of the Board that sloyd instruction be introduced into the schools at this Home. We are without

industrial training of any kind for the boys since our schools became part of the public school system, and such training is of great benefit to the children committed to our care. I have spoken to Mr. Leavitt, the superintendent of sloyd instruction in the city schools, and he thinks we can have it here, with the approval of the committee. We have been expecting its introduction for several months past, and I earnestly hope our boys, especially, may be given the advantage of what will be an immense help to them in after years.

Very respectfully,

M. J. DWYER,
Superintendent.

Referred to the Committee on Manual Training.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from East Boston Citizens' Trade Association; over-crowded condition of Emerson and Chapman School Districts.

BOSTON, Feb. 14, 1898.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

At a recent meeting of the East Boston Citizens' Trade Association, a committee of said association styled a "Committee on Schools and School Houses in East Boston," which said committee had been previously appointed, made a report to said association (a copy of which report being herewith enclosed) upon a matter which had been duly referred to said committee by vote of said association. By vote of said association, the said report having been duly accepted, the said committee was directed to send a copy of said report to the School Committee of the City of Boston. In accordance with said vote, I send herewith a copy of said report.

Yours respectfully,

J. H. BARNES, JR.,
Chairman of said Committee and for and in behalf thereof.

EAST BOSTON CITIZENS' TRADE ASSOCIATION,
EAST BOSTON, Dec. 21, 1897.

The Committee on Schools and School Houses in East Boston, to which was referred the matter of the "congested condition of the schools in East Boston," begs leave to report that it has investigated the subject referred to it, and finds that in the Emerson and Chapman School Districts in East Boston the accommodations of the schools are wholly inadequate for the needs of the districts. This results

First: In over-crowded school-rooms and an excessive number of pupils for each teacher.

Second: In impeding the use of class-rooms, of halls, and other portions of the school buildings not designed or intended to be so used, and not proper for such use.

Third: In the leasing, at great expense to the city of Boston, of rooms in other buildings remote from the school buildings themselves, and not intended or adapted to school purposes.

Fourth: In the actual turning away from the schools of numberless children of school age, who are thus deprived of the right of a full education, to which they, in common with all other children of the city of Boston, are entitled.

The committee recommends that a copy of this report be sent to the School Committee of the city of Boston, with an urgent appeal to that committee, in the name of this association, to take immediate action, so that this wrong and deplorable condition of the schools in East Boston may be remedied.

J. H. BARNES, Jr.,
E. M. McPHERSON,
JAMES A. COCHRAN,
A. DUDLEY BAGLEY,
COLIN D. CAMERON,
Committee on Schools and School Houses in East Boston.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair presented the following petition:

Petitions from Sarah F. Hapgood, Jane M. Shaw, Charles W. Pierce and others, of Ward 25; additional school accommodations.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

We, the undersigned members of the Brighthelmstone Club of Ward 25, solicitous for the health of our children, as well as for the fair fame of our common schools, do earnestly pray that some action may be taken to relieve our citizens from a source of constant anxiety, and give to our children suitable school facilities. We refer to the Webster School-house, on Webster avenue, and to the Winship School-house, on Dighton place. Both of these houses have been repeatedly objected to by the Board of Health, and have been admitted, by representatives of the School Board, to be unfit for use. The former is located on a private way, uncared for by the city, and both are faulty in their sanitary arrangements, and are over-crowded.

We respectfully ask for a hearing at your earliest convenience.

SARAH F. HAPGOOD,
Chairman Ethics Committee of the Brighthelmstone Club,
and one hundred and sixteen others.

The Chair also presented two similar petitions from the residents of Ward 25, one signed by Jane M. Shaw, and one hundred seventy-nine others, and the other by Charles W. Pierce, President for Citizens' Improvement Association, and seventy-one others.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, offered the following:

Furnishing of room in Bowdoin school house, for wood-working class.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to fit up a room in the Bowdoin School-house for a class in wood-working.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Appropriation for equipment of metal working department of Mechanic Arts High School.

Ordered, That the amount of one thousand eight hundred dollars ($1,800) be placed to the credit of the Mechanic Arts High School for the purchase by the Committee on School Houses, coöperating with the Committee on Manual Training, of additional equipment for the metal-working department.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, presented the following:

Selection of architect for completion of Mechanic Arts High School-house.

One feature of the Annual Report of the Committee on Manual Training for 1897 was a detailed account of the equipment, aims, and methods of the Mechanic Arts High School. The purpose of that report was to give a clear idea of the special features and distinctive characteristics of the school; and it was not deemed desirable to emphasize its present needs and the serious limitations under which its work has thus far been carried on. In spite of these limitations, however, the results already achieved have been highly gratifying in many respects, but the fact must not be overlooked that the development of the school will be arrested, and its usefulness greatly impaired, if effective measures are not at once adopted to secure increased accommodations.

It must be remembered that the present structure is only the main

portion of the original design. The rear wing, which was to contain the library, principal's office, physical and chemical laboratories, a drawing room, and a recitation room, has not been erected. The argument used to justify the temporary omission of this wing was that the laboratories would not be needed during the first year, and that the wing could be erected while the school was in session in the main building. The present plan would never have been adopted had it been foreseen that it would be necessary to carry on the work of the school for five years in a building in which no provision had been made for many features that are universally admitted to be indispensable in a modern high school.

At the outset, attention was apparently so closely focused upon the mechanical appointments that the pressing needs of the academic department were overlooked. It is true, indeed, that the special function of the school is to furnish the peculiarly valuable training which a systematic study of the mechanic arts is adapted to yield, but this training can be given successfully only in connection with a substantial academic course which demands all the facilities required in other high schools.

The equipment of the mechanical department is unsurpassed by that of any similar institution in the country, but the limitations of the academic department are such as to make satisfactory work impossible. Fortunately, however, the expenditure of the relatively small sum required to complete the building will remove the most serious difficulties, and increase the capacity of the school by more than two hundred pupils. The rapid growth of the school indicates that it is highly appreciated by the public, but it has now reached a condition in which further development is impossible without the additional accommodations originally contemplated. The following table shows the membership during the past three years:

NUMBER OF PUPILS.

	First Year Class.	Second Year Class.	Third Year Class.	Fourth Year Class.	Total.
September, 1895..	69	34	57	.....	160
September, 1896..	155	52	27	3	237
September, 1897..	173	122	31	4	330

There is no reason to doubt that the membership in September, 1898, will be considerably in excess of four hundred, if it is possible to receive the pupils that apply for admission. Accommodations for the large class that entered last September were secured by the rearrangement of the mechanical departments, and by other improvements made during the last summer vacation, but no further relief can be obtained by changes in the main building. The total number of desks in the five school-rooms is three hundred and fifty, and only a few more can be crowded into these rooms. But the difficulty of seating pupils is, by no means, the most serious one. The need of additional recitation rooms is still more pressing. The total number of periods per week for which a class-room will be required for the various school exercises is far in excess of the number of periods in which a room will be available. Unless additional accommodations are provided, it will be impossible to carry on the work contemplated by the course of study without subjecting teachers and pupils to inconveniences which will seriously interfere with the successful prosecution of their work.

Again, there is abundant evidence that a more systematic course of study for a fourth year is demanded. Chemistry should be an important factor in that course, but under present conditions it can receive no attention. The best that can now be done in physics is a very unsatisfactory substitute for the work originally planned. No one questions the necessity for employing in a manual training school methods calculated to show the application of scientific principles to the mechanical processes taught in the shops. This cannot be done without laboratories and apparatus. The teaching of science from a text-book, merely as an information subject, is an unpardonable violation of the most firmly established principles of education.

Moreover, the third-year class will be larger next September than can be accommodated in the machine shop. The capacity of this shop can be increased slightly by the purchase of a few much needed machine-tools, but the only plan which will meet the emergency is to extend the course in machine-shop practice over the third and fourth years, and give each pupil a lesson on alternate days. This plan is in successful operation in other schools.

In view of the facts above stated, the following order is offered:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to consider, at as early a date as possible, the selection of an architect for the completion of the Mechanic Arts High School building, and to report an order appropriating a sufficient sum for the work from the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897.

Accepted, and the order referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, reported the death of Anna E. Grover, late assistant, Grammar School, in the Everett District. Death of Anna E. Grover.

Accepted.

Mr. Courtney, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to report the name of an architect for a new school building on Leon street, to take the place of the Ira Allen School-house. Selection of architect for school building on Leon street.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Paul, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of forty dollars ($40) be paid to Frank H. Noyes for services rendered as instructor in the Eliot Evening School from Jan. 3 to Jan. 28, 1898, inclusive. Payment to Frank H. Noyes.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 8, 1898.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Calderwood, Fleischer, and Mrs. Keller.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council concerning repairs on Stoughton School-house.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Feb. 24, 1898.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor request of the School Committee an estimate for fire-proofing basement, equipping with fire-escapes, and making necessary repairs on building known as "Stoughton School," River street, Ward 24; also to inquire into the sanitary condition of same.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Feb. 24, 1898.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, March 1, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations; certificates of proficiency to pupils in High

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECT. 173. Insert after the word "diplomas," in the eighth line, the words, "The Board of Supervisors

and Latin Schools. [See pp. 31, 109-110.]

may grant certificates of proficiency to such pupils in the High and Latin Schools as have satisfactorily completed a part of the authorized course of study."

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the order was laid on the table.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations providing that report of Annual School Festival be included in Annual Report. [See p. 109.]

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECT. 75. Insert after the word "advisable," in the thirteenth line, the words "a report of the Annual School Festival."

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the order was laid on the table.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following reports, those coming under the provisions of section 81 of the Rules being in accordance with the written recommendations of the Board of Supervisors:

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Special assistant.

Bowditch District. — M. Louise C. Jones, from Feb. 1, 1898.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Charles L. Reed, Albert W. Thayer, Harry W. Whittemore, junior-masters, from March 7, 1898.

Charles Sumner District. — Catharine M. Lynch, assistant, Primary School, from March 7, 1898.

Dearborn District. — Elizabeth B. McKeon, assistant, Grammar School, from March 7, 1898.

Emerson District. — Grace H. Mareman, assistant, Primary School, from March 7, 1898.

Franklin District. — Rose Weinberg, assistant, Primary School, from March 7, 1898.

Frothingham District. — Mary A. Quirk, assistant, Grammar School, from March 7, 1898.

Gaston District. — Agnes R. Leahy, assistant, Grammar School, from March 7, 1898.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Edwin I. Beal, assistant, Grammar School, from March 7, 1898; Ida P. Mayers, assistant, Grammar School, from March 14, 1898.

Lincoln District. — Rachel W. Washburn, assistant, Primary School, from March 7, 1898.

Minot District. — Annie T. McCloskey, assistant, Primary School, from March 8, 1898.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Maude C. Tinkham, assistant, Grammar School, from March 7, 1898.

Schools of Cookery.—Annie G. Furlong, instructor, from March 7, 1898.

Cook Kindergarten. — Isabella F. Wallace, assistant, from March 14, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Lowell District. — Mary W. French, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from March 16, 1898. Election of teachers on probation.

Phillips District. — Mary M. Robinson, assistant, Grammar School, second year, from March 7, 1898.

Shurtleff District. — Florence G. Frazer, assistant, Primary School, from March 8, 1898.

Charles C. Perkins Kindergarten. — A. Gertrude Malloch, assistant, from Feb. 1, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Dearborn District. — Katharine A. Regan, assistant, Grammar School.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Edith A. Scanlan, assistant, Grammar School.

Tileston District. — Ida T. Weeks, first assistant, Grammar School.

Kindergartens.

Centre-street School. — Ida E. McElwain, principal.

Cudworth School. — Mabel Lovell, assistant.

Everett School. — Helen L. Duncklee, principal.

Parmenter-street School. — Margaret P. Dickinson, assistant.

Thomas N. Hart School. — Alice R. Eliot, assistant.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Assistants, Evening School.

Eliot School. — Assistants, Frank H. Noyes, from Jan. 31, 1898, John M. Connolly, from Feb. 16, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Girls' Latin School. — Jane R. Sheldon, assistant, from March 1, 1898, until May 2, 1898; Grace E. H. Casey, substitute.

Bunker Hill District. — Samuel J. Bullock, master, from Feb. 17, 1898, until June 20, 1898.

Dudley District. — Kate F. Lyons, assistant,

Primary School, from March 1, 1898, until April 1, 1898; Eleanora A. Smith, substitute.

Edward Everett District. — Katharine Wark, assistant, Primary School, from March 1, 1898, until April 1, 1898; Mary A. Duston, substitute.

John A. Andrew District. — Sarah E. Connelly, assistant, Grammar School, from March 6, 1898, until June 6, 1898; Florence G. Willis, substitute.

Lincoln District. — Vodisa J. Comey, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 1, 1897, until April 1, 1898.

Washington Allston District. — Annie E. Bancroft, assistant, Grammar School, from March 2, 1898, until July 1, 1898; Hattie C. Kennedy, substitute.

Noble Kindergarten. — Flora S. McLean, principal, from Feb. 24, 1898, until April 1, 1898; Helen L. Holmes, substitute.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, offered the following:

Use of yards and basements of school-houses granted to Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association.

Ordered, That the use of the yards and basements of school-houses be granted to the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association, during the summer vacation; the use of said yards and basements to be under the direction of the Committee on School Houses, and to be without expense to the city.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on School Houses; gas and gas-fixtures furnished Baldwin School-house.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 25 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing a communication from the Common Council, asking that the Baldwin School-house, Chardon street, be furnished with gas and gas-fixtures, reported that your committee have attended to the matter, and they therefore recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor

the Mayor, that the Baldwin School-house has been equipped with gas and gas-fixtures in accordance with their request.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of estates on North Bennet street for enlargement of North End playground.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase the estates on North Bennet street, in the rear of the Paul Revere School-house, for the purpose of enlarging the North End playground.

Report of Committee on School Houses; naming of new Robinson-street School in honor of Benjamin Cushing.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order that the new Robinson-street School-house be named the Benjamin Cushing School, reported that in their opinion the name suggested is a fitting one, and they therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the new Robinson-street School be named the Benjamin Cushing School.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Annual report of Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Davison, for the Committee on Supplies, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Document No. 1, 1898.)

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on Truant Officers, it was

Election of John T. Hathaway as truant officer made permanent.

Ordered, That the Civil Service Commissioners be hereby informed that, his conduct and capacity having proved satisfactory, the election of John T. Hathaway as truant officer is made permanent.

Report of Committee on Manual Training; instruction in sloyd to pupils in

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, to whom was referred — Feb. 23 — a request from the Superintendent of the Children's Institutions Department, that the pupils in the Marcella-street Home be

given instruction in sloyd, reported that your committee have taken the subject under consideration, and are of the opinion that such instruction should be given the pupils in the Marcella-street Home. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Marcella-street Home. [See pp. 111-112.]

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to fit up a room for a class in wood-working in the Marcella-street Home.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, reported the death of Eliza C. Gould, late first assistant, Primary School, in the Everett District.

Death of Eliza C. Gould.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, it was

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen to inform that body that a vacancy exists in the School Committee, caused by the resignation of Edward H. Dunn, and proposing a convention of said Board of Aldermen and School Committee, to be held at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., on the 22d day of March, 1898, in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, for the purpose of filling said vacancy for the remainder of this municipal year, and that public notice thereof be given according to law.

Vacancy existing in School Committee, caused by resignation of Edward H. Dunn. [See p. 20.]

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to fit up a room in the Bunker Hill School-house for a class in cookery.

Class in cookery in Bunker Hill School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Ordered, That an additional ungraded class be allowed in the Shurtleff District, making two in all.

Additional ungraded class in Shurtleff District.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Additional ungraded class in Comins District.

Ordered, That an additional ungraded class be allowed in the Comins District, making two in all.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 22, 1898.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Ames, Mr. Hubbard, and Mrs. Keller.

On motion of Mr. Burrill, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, March 11, 1898.

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land on Saratoga street, taken for school purposes. [See pp. 37, 38, 49, 50.]

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Edgar F. Power upon the sum of $3,500 for his estate, number 76 on Saratoga street, East Boston, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, Dec. 17, 1897 (taking recorded Dec. 18, 1897), upon said Power giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken, satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, March 21, 1898.

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land on Saratoga street, taken for school purposes. [See pp. 37, 38, 49, 50.]

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with B. H. Hatch upon the sum of $7,100 and the taxes for the year 1897, as payment for his estate, number 70 on Saratoga street, East Boston, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston,

Dec. 17, 1897 (taking recorded Dec. 18, 1897), upon said Hatch giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken, satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Aldermen; joint convention of School Committee and Board of Aldermen to fill vacancy in School Committee. [See pp. 20, 125.]

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 10, 1898.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the School Committee informing that body that this Board concurs in its proposition for a convention to be held on Tuesday, March 22d inst., at 7.30 o'clock, P.M., for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Edward H. Dunn as a member of the School Committee, and that notice of the same be given, according to law.

Passed.

J. M. GALVIN,
City Clerk.

A true copy.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN,
City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The two Boards assembled accordingly.

IN CONVENTION.

President of the convention.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, Mr. Perlie A. Dyar, Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, was chosen President of the convention.

Report of Committee on Elections; candidate for vacancy in School Board.

Mr. Bateman, for the Committee on Elections, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, submitted the following nomination of a candidate to fill the vacancy in the School Board caused by the resignation of Edward H. Dunn:

J. Carlton Nichols.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The convention proceeded to ballot for a member of the School Board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Edward H. Dunn.

The Chair appointed Mr. Paul, Alderman Cleary, and Mrs. Fifield a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes 29; necessary for a choice, 18. Henry D. Forbes had 1; J. Carlton Nichols had 28.

J. Carlton Nichols having received the necessary number of votes was declared elected a member of the School Committee for the remainder of this municipal year.

J. Carlton Nichols elected member of School Committee.

The business of the convention having been accomplished, the convention dissolved.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The President in the Chair.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following reports, those coming under the provisions of section 81 of the Rules being in accordance with the written recommendations of the Board of Supervisors.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Everett District. — Adelaide B. Smith, assistant, Primary School, Feb. 18, 1898.

Resignation of teachers.

Harris District. — Ida K. McGiffert, assistant, Primary School, March 14, 1898.

Norcross District. — Alice J. Meins, assistant, Primary School, Jan. 4, 1898.

39 North Bennet-street Kindergarten. — Ellen M. Murphy, assistant, April 1, 1898.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

English High School. — Frank E. Poole, junior-master, from March 14, 1898.

Temporary teachers.

Bunker Hill District. — Marcella C. Coyle, assistant, Grammar School, from March 21, 1898.

Dearborn District. — Annie S. Irvin, assistant, Primary School, from March 21, 1898.

Emerson District. — Mary E. O'Hare, assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 10, 1898.

Everett District. — E. Florence Fisher, assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 18, 1898.

Mary Hemenway District. — Mary Polk, assistant, Grammar School, from March 14, 1898.

Quincy District. — Evelyn E. Kelley, assistant, Grammar School, from March 21, 1898.

Sherwin District. — Mary F. Sullivan, assistant, Primary School, from March 1, 1898.

Schools of Cookery. — Annie M. Eaton, instructor, from March 18, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Chapman District. — Gertrude W. Merrill, assistant, Primary School, third year, from March 15, 1898.

Eliot District. — Viola M. Allen, assistant, Primary School, second year, from April 1, 1898.

Everett District. — Adelaide B. Smith, first assistant, Primary School, from Feb. 18, 1898; Minnie T. Kenny, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from April 11, 1898.

Mary Hemenway District. — Ida K. McGiffert, first assistant, Primary School, from March 14, 1898.

Norcross District. — Josephine J. Mahoney, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 5, 1898.

Phillips District. — Agnes G. Tarpey, assistant, Grammar School, second year, from March 16, 1898.

Kindergartens.

Baldwin School. — Bessie H. Stark, assistant, from March 16, 1898.

7 Byron court. — Marion E. Poole, assistant, from March 1, 1898.

39 North Bennet street. — Ellen M. Murphy, principal, from April 1, 1898; Annie E. Brigham, assistant, from April 1, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Bigelow District. — Carroll M. Austin, sub-master.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Orris L. Beverage, sub-master.

Lyman District. — Mary F. Moore, assistant, Grammar School.

Cyrus Alger Kindergarten. — Marita M. Burdett, assistant.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Dillaway District. — Mary L. Gore, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 21, 1898, until March 31, 1898; Georgiana F. Adams, substitute.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Anna S. Coffey, assistant, Grammar School, from Feb. 23, 1898, until April 2, 1898; Florence C. Cowen, substitute.

Minot District. — Mary E. Glidden, assistant, Grammar School, from April 1, 1898, until July 1, 1898; James H. Gormley, substitute.

Horace Mann School. — Mary Bigelow, assistant, from March 21, 1898, until March 30, 1898; Edith F. Brainerd, substitute.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, presented the following:

Report of Committee on School Houses; approval of plans and specifications of West Roxbury High School-house alterations and additions; Andrews, Jaques, & Rantoul selected as architects.

The Committee on School Houses report that plans and specifications for an addition to the West Roxbury High School-house, prepared by Andrews, Jaques, & Rantoul, architects, have been completed, and are now submitted for the approval of the Board. The addition is to contain six single and one triple class-rooms, which will accommodate three hundred seventy-eight pupils, but the entrances, corridors, halls, gymnasium, laboratories, staircases, toilet-rooms, boiler-room, etc., are planned on a basis of six hundred pupils, which will be the total capacity of the building when completed. These plans and specifications have been carefully figured by a firm of contractors, who estimate the cost of the addition, exclusive of commissions and furniture, at $180,000. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for the addition to the West Roxbury High School-house, Jamaica Plain, prepared by Andrews, Jaques, & Rantoul, architects, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said Andrews, Jaques, & Rantoul are hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of the addition to said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on School Houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications, and to make on behalf of this Board the

necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Accompanying the plans and specifications was the written approval of the Superintendent, as follows:

Approval of Superintendent of plans and specifications submitted for alterations and additions of West Roxbury High School-house.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, March 18, 1898.

To the Committee on School Houses:

I have examined with care the plans for the addition to and alteration of the West Roxbury High School building, Jamaica Plain, Mass., prepared by Andrews, Jaques, & Rantoul, architects, 8 Beacon street, Boston, these plans being ten (10) in number, as follows: sub-basement plan; basement plan; first-floor plan; second-floor plan; third-floor plan; grading plan; front elevation; east elevation; rear elevation, and transverse section through rear wing; and west elevation. I have also read carefully the general specifications for the addition to and alteration of the West Roxbury High School building on Elm street, Jamaica Plain, Mass., the heating and ventilating specification, and the plumbing specification for the same building.

These plans and these specifications are hereby given my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; ventilation of Bunker Hill Grammar and Primary School-houses.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order that a Sturtevant blower, or some equivalent motive force, be placed in the ventilating shaft of the Bunker Hill Grammar and Primary School-houses, reported that the matter has been duly attended to, and that no further action of the Board is necessary.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; appropriation for increased accommodations and needed im-

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order requesting them to appropriate from the amount available for the year 1898, under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, not less

provements in Bigelow School-house.

than $40,000 to be expended upon the Bigelow School-house for increased accommodations and needed improvements, reported that the estimates of expenditures for the current financial year which were approved by the Board on Dec. 28, 1897, contained items aggregating $23,300 in connection with repairs on this building. The appropriation bill has not yet been passed by the City Council, and your committee therefore recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary at the present time.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; furnishing room in Marcella-street Home for class in wood-working. [See p. 125.]

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 8 — an order requesting them to fit up a room for a class in wood-working in the Marcella-street Home, reported that when a public school was established in the Marcella-street Home last year, it was with the distinct understanding that no expense for fitting up or furnishing this school should devolve upon the School Committee. Your committee are therefore of the opinion that any expense of the character referred to should be borne by the Children's Institutions Department, and not by the School Committee.

Accepted.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, offered the following:

Appropriations for school purposes.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriations be made:

New Grammar School-house, Harris District, additional	$6,000 00
East Boston High School-house, site, additional	5,152 74

New Primary School-house, Vernon street, Roxbury, additional . . $2,000 00

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the order was recommitted to the Committee on School Houses, with instructions to report in detail with regard to previous appropriations and expenditures in connection with these school-houses and site.

Report of Committee on School Houses; yard accommodations for Harvard Primary School.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order requesting that yard accommodations be furnished for the Harvard Primary School, reported that this committee fully appreciate the necessity of providing ample yard room for all the Primary Schools, and propose to give this matter further attention later in the year.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, the report was recommitted to the Committee on School Houses.

Report of Committee on School Houses relative to construction of Paul Revere School-house.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the Mayor to investigate the construction of the Paul Revere School-house, in Ward 6, and report the result to the Common Council, as, in the opinion of the Council, the school is not to the entire satisfaction of citizens of Boston, reported that your committee are not aware that any investigation of the construction of this school-house is necessary on their part. They recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the plans and specifications for the building were very carefully prepared, the work is proceeding under competent and thorough supervision, and they believe that upon its completion the school-house will meet with the entire approbation of the citizens of Boston.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Report of Committee on School Houses; additional yard accommodations for Norcross School.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order requesting them to consider and report upon the advisability of providing additional yard accommodations for the Norcross School, reported that in their judgment the yard of this school should be enlarged, but they recommend that no action be taken by the Board in relation to this matter, for the present.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; investigation of entrance to school-houses.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order requesting them to investigate the entrances of the different schools in the city, reported that they have caused a very careful examination to be made with regard to the means of exit from all the school buildings, and recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; repairs and additions to Chapman School-house.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 8 — a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to include in their appropriation a sum sufficient to place the Chapman School-house in thorough repair, and to make additions to said school-house according to plans held by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, reported that the needs of this school-house were considered when the estimates of expenditures for the current financial year were being prepared, and of the amount asked for under "Special Appropriation for Extraordinary Repairs," approximately $12,000 was specified to be expended upon this building. Your

committee therefore recommend that the City Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the work will be undertaken as soon as an appropriation therefor is provided.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, offered the following:

Acceptance of Mary Hemenway School-house.

Ordered, That the Mary Hemenway School-house, at the corner of Adams and King streets, Dorchester, be accepted by this Board, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the order was recommitted to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of land on Saratoga street. [See p. 127.]

Ordered, That there be paid to B. H. Hatch the sum of seven thousand one hundred dollars ($7,100) and the taxes for the year 1897, as payment for his estate, number 70 on Saratoga street, East Boston, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, Dec. 17, 1897 (taking recorded Dec. 18, 1897), upon said Hatch giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken, satisfactory to the Law Department.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of land on Saratoga street. [See p. 127.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Edgar F. Power the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars ($3,500) as payment for his estate, number 76 on Saratoga street, East Boston, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, Dec. 17, 1897 (taking recorded Dec. 18, 1897), upon said Power giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken, satisfactory to the Law Department.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the following order was taken from the table:

Naming of new Robinson-street School-house in honor of Benjamin Cushing. [See p. 124.]

Ordered, That the new Robinson-street School be named the Benjamin Cushing school.

The order passed, 19 members voting in the affirmative.

Report of Committee on School Houses; grading of sidewalks, etc., in front of Lyceum Hall.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order requesting that the grading and placing of edgestones in front of Lyceum Hall, Dorchester, be completed, reported that in the judgment of this committee the suggestion made should be carried into effect, and they recommend the passage of the appended order.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to complete the grading of the sidewalks and placing of edgestones in front of Lyceum Hall Building, Mather District, Dorchester.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendments to Rules and Regulations. [See pp. 54, 109.]

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Feb. 23 — an order that the Rules and Regulations be amended by striking out all after the first section, and substituting therefor the various sections presented with said order (see Minutes of February 23, pages 54 to 109 inclusive), reported that they have considered the matter with great care, and submit the following report:

It seems to your committee that under the present Rules and Regulations the Superintendent and other professional officers of the Board have not sufficient power and responsibility; that the members of the Board are over-burdened with unimportant details and executive work which they cannot, in the nature of things, be well fitted to perform, and which distract their attention from matters in which their services

might be of far more advantage to the public; and that the Board very much needs an executive officer to take charge of the construction, maintenance, and repair of school-houses, and to supervise janitors. Your committee have endeavored to remedy these administrative defects in the revised Rules and Regulations accompanying this report, and also recommend certain other minor changes which they believe desirable.

The following is a brief summary of the changes proposed in the draft herewith submitted:

1. Powers of Superintendent:

(*a*) The Superintendent is made responsible for the recommendation of all appointments, transfers, and removals of teachers. He is required, before making such recommendations, to consult with the Supervisors, and with principals of the schools. Such recommendations are to lie upon the table for two weeks, and objections thereto are to be considered in executive session.

(*b*) Changes in the course of study, after submission to the School Faculty, are to be recommended by the Superintendent.

(*c*) He is given the right to take part in debates in the full Board, except when by a three-fourths vote the Board goes into exclusive executive session.

(*d*) He retains all the powers as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors that he had under the old rules, and is made the general executive of the Board in all matters pertaining to instruction, not otherwise provided for.

2. Powers of Supervisors:

(*a*) The Board of Supervisors are made responsible for recommending to the Text-Book Committee all changes and additions in text-books.

(*b*) They retain the control, recently vested in them, of examinations both for teachers and pupils.

(*c*) Other duties are to be performed by them under the direction of the Superintendent; but as a Board they may make recommendations and reports both to the Superintendent and to the School Committee. Their power and influence will be somewhat increased by the amendments proposed.

3. School-house Agent:

(*a*) A School-house Agent is to be chosen, who is to be the general executive officer of the Board in all matters relating to the construction, maintenance, and repair of school-houses. He is to give a bond conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

(*b*) He shall, under the direction of the Committee on School Houses, supervise all construction, whether carried on under an architect employed by the Board, or by the Building Department of the city, and generally see that contracts are fulfilled.

(*c*) He shall purchase school furniture under the direction of the Committee on Supplies.

(*d*) He is to execute in the name of the Board all contracts authorized by the Board.

(*e*) He is to supervise janitors, and to report negligence or inefficiency on their part, but is not to interfere with the control of the principals of the schools over janitors.

(*f*) He may order incidental repairs on school buildings at such expense in the aggregate as may from time to time be determined.

It is confidently believed that the institution of this office will result in greatly increased efficiency on the part of this Board in obtaining and maintaining proper school-house accommodations. We shall at least be able to hold the School-house Agent responsible if good results are not obtained.

4. Abolition of committees, and assignment of visitors:

The Committees on Drawing, Evening Schools, Examinations, Kindergartens, Manual Training, Music, Nominations, Horace Mann School for the Deaf, and all the division committees are abolished, and in lieu thereof the President is to appoint one or more members of the Board as visitors to all schools and various classes; the visitors are charged with the duty of making annual reports as to the condition of these schools and classes, and any proper suggestions at any time relating to their administration.

5. Committee on School Houses:

The powers of this committee have been carefully defined in the light of all available legislation as to the powers of similar committees elsewhere. The School-house Agent relieves this committee of much detail, and becomes its executive hand. They are made responsible for recommending the appointment and removal of janitors, and for drafting regulations, which are to be printed and distributed for their guidance. The furnishing of school-houses has been transferred from this committee to the Committee on Supplies.

6. Legislative Committee:

It is made the duty of this committee to watch over legislation which may affect the schools, and make reports thereon to the Board for instruction. It has no authority to represent the Board before the Legislature except under special instructions.

7. The old Committee on Text-Books is made the Committee on Courses of Study and Text-Books, but recommendations as to courses of study come to it from the Faculty and Superintendent, and as to text-books, from the Board of Supervisors.

8. Committee on Accounts:

The powers of the Committee on Accounts are increased. They are required to report each year a budget of expenditure divided by objects, and no officer or committee shall expend for any object a greater sum than that provided in the budget, and approved by the Board. This gives this committee, as the Finance Committee of the Board, an effective control over the expenditures of other committees. But the recommendation of the appointment and removal of janitors is transferred to the Committee on School Houses, so that one committee may be held responsible for the condition of school-house accommodations.

9. The School Faculty:

A School Faculty is provided, consisting of the Superintendent as President, of the Directors, and of representatives to be elected by High School principals, High School teachers, Grammar School masters, and Grammar, Primary, and Kindergarten School teachers, to which Faculty shall be submitted all proposals for changes of courses of study, or changes of rules on hygiene, etc. The Faculty may make reports and recommendations to the Board at any time.

10. Speaking generally, the executive work of the Board is transferred from sub-committees which do not act as public bodies, into the hands of executive officers, whose acts are subject to approval by the full Board, at its regular public sessions.

To carry out these recommendations, your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended by striking out everything after the first section, and substituting therefor the following:

CHAPTER I.

Organization.

SECTION 2. At the meeting for organization, each year, the Board shall elect, by ballot, a Secretary, an Auditing Clerk, a School-house Agent and a Messenger, each of whom may be removed at the pleasure of the Board. The President shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Board, standing committees, each consisting of five members, as follows: On Accounts; Courses of Study and Text-books; Hygiene and Physical Training; Legislative Matters; Rules and Regulations; Salaries; School Houses; Supplies; and Truant Officers. The President shall be a member of two of the committees referred to in this section, but shall not be chairman of any of them.

Election officers.

Standing committees.

President member of committees.

SECT. 3. The member first named on any committee shall be the chairman thereof. The President shall, subject to the approval of the Board, fill vacancies on committees when they occur.

Chairman.

Vacancies on committees, how filled.

SECT. 4. The President shall, subject to the approval of the Board, assign one or more members of the Board as Visitors of each of the several districts into which the Grammar and Primary Schools are divided; of the Normal School; of the Latin and High Schools; of the Kindergartens; of the Evening Schools; of the Horace Mann School for the Deaf; and of the classes in Drawing; in Music; and in Manual Training.

Visitors.

SECT 5. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the Board, a Committee on Elections shall be appointed, which shall consult with the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, and report to the convention of the Board of Aldermen and the School Committee, on the day of election, one or more suitable candidates to fill said vacancy.

Vacancy in School Board.

Candidates.

SECT. 6. Special committees shall be appointed by the presiding officer, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

Appointment of committees.

CHAPTER II.

Procedure at Meetings.

Meetings.

Special meetings. See Sect. 11.

SECTION 10. The regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the evenings of the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month, except July and August; and special meetings may be called whenever they are necessary.

Special meetings. See Sect. 10.

SECT. 11. Upon not less than twenty-four hours' notice special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, and shall be called upon the written request of three members of the Board.

Quorum.

No quorum.

SECT. 12. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum; but a less number may vote to send for absent members, to call the roll and record the names of absentees, or to adjourn.

Meetings to be open.

SECT. 13. The sessions of the Board shall be held, as a rule, with open doors; but when, at any meeting, the business to be brought before the Board is finished, the Board shall go into executive session, as provided in the following section, or if the Superintendent so requests for the purpose of making a communication, or if any member so requests for the purpose of addressing a question to the Superintendent. The Board may go into executive session at any other time by a vote of a majority of those present. No votes shall be taken in executive session except a vote to confirm the appointment, transfer, or removal of a director, principal, or other instructor, or to adjourn.

Executive session.

Votes taken in executive session.

Appointments, transfers, and removals to be laid over for two weeks.

SECT. 14. Appointments, transfers, and removals of directors, principals, and other instructors, presented by the Superintendent for the approval of the Board, shall be certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations, or accompanied by a written statement of the reasons for requesting a suspension thereof, and shall be laid over for two weeks before being acted upon by the Board. If any member desires further information with regard to any such appointment, transfer, or removal, he may file a written notice to that effect with the Secretary, and the Board shall, as of course, go into executive session at the close of the regular meeting, for the purpose of considering such appointment, transfer, or removal, before taking final action thereon.

Notice to Secretary.

Executive session.

Approval of appointments.

Ballot.

Special instructors.

SECT. 15. The approval of the appointment of Directors; of the Master of Evening Drawing Schools; and of principals whose grade shall be specified, shall be made by ballot, thirteen votes being necessary for such approval. The approval of the appointment of special instructors to teach gymnastic, calisthenic, or military drill shall be

made by ballot, two-thirds of the votes cast being necessary for such approval.

Opening of meetings.

SECT. 16. Business shall proceed in the following order, unless the Board otherwise directs:

Order of business.

1. Unfinished business of the preceding meeting.
2. Communications from the Mayor and City Council.
3. Communications from the Superintendent.
4. Reports of committees.
5. Motions, orders, resolutions, petitions, etc.

Duties of the presiding officer.

SECT. 17. The presiding officer shall preserve order in the meetings; he shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board by any member, which appeal shall be decided without debate. He may take part in debate, but in that case he shall leave the chair, and not resume it until the question is decided.

Presiding officer may debate a question.

Yeas and nays.

SECT. 18. The presiding officer shall order the yeas and nays on any question whenever one-fifth of the members present require it.

Order of motions.

SECT. 19. The presiding officer shall, when motions are made naming sums or fixing times, first put to vote the largest sum, or the longest time. When a question is under debate, he shall entertain no motion but to [1] adjourn, [2] to lay on the table, [3] for the previous question, [4] to postpone to a day certain, [5] to commit or recommit, [6] to amend, or [7] to postpone indefinitely, which motions shall have precedence in the above order.

Motions to adjourn.

SECT. 20. The presiding officer shall consider a motion to adjourn to be always in order, except when a member has the floor, or a question has been put and not decided.

Motions not debatable.

Motions to adjourn, to lay on the table, to take from the table, and for the previous question, shall be decided without debate.

Previous question.

SECT. 21. The presiding officer shall put the previous question in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" And its adoption shall end all debate, and bring the Board to a vote upon pending amendments, if there are any; and then upon the main question.

Rules of debate.

SECT. 22. No member shall speak on a question more than once until all others have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice without permission from the Board, when objection is made.

Motions.

SECT. 23. Motions shall be submitted in writing, if the presiding officer or any member of the Board request it.

Motion to reconsider.

SECT. 24. The action of the Board on any question may be reconsidered at the same meeting by a majority of the members present; or if any member who is not shown by a yea and nay vote to have voted against the prevailing side shall give notice in writing to the Secretary before 12 o'clock M. of the next day but one following that on which

the meeting was held of his intention so to do, he may move a reconsideration at the next regular meeting of the Board. Only one motion for this purpose shall be in order.

Division of a question.

SECT. 25. Any member may require the division of a question, when it is susceptible of division.

Reading of a paper objected to.

SECT. 26. If objection be made to the reading of any paper, the question shall be decided by a vote of the Board.

Naming of school-houses.

SECT. 27. No school-house shall hereafter be named in honor of any living person. All propositions to name school-houses shall lie on the table for at least two weeks, and thirteen votes shall be required to name a school-house.

Orders calling for expenditure of money to lie on table two weeks.

SECT. 28. All orders calling for the expenditure of money shall lie upon the table at least two weeks before final action thereon.

Suspension of rules.

SECT. 29. No rule or regulation of the Board shall be suspended except by vote of three-fourths of the members present.

CHAPTER III.

Duties of Committees.

Committees and officers to keep within appropriations.

SECTION 33. Every committee and officer authorized by the Board to expend money shall keep a careful oversight over expenditures, and shall not expend or authorize the expenditure of any money beyond the amount appropriated in the budget, approved by the Board.

Committee on Rules and Regulations.

SECT. 34. The Committee on Rules and Regulations shall take into careful consideration every proposition to establish, to repeal, or to amend any rule or regulation, and shall report in writing, stating their reasons for or against such rule, regulation, or proposed alteration; and no such proposition shall be adopted by the Board until after it has been referred to this committee, reported upon, and afterwards read at two different meetings of the Board. The committee shall report all changes in the Rules and Regulations so as to give in full the wording of the section as amended.

Amendments to Rules and Regulations.

Committee on Accounts. Expenditure of money.

SECT. 35. The Committee on Accounts:

1. Shall consider and report upon all propositions requiring the expenditure of money before final action of the Board, except such as may be submitted by the Committee on Salaries and such as relate to the duties of the Committee on Supplies and the Committee on School Houses.

Estimate of annual expenses

2. Shall, after conference with the other committees, annually prepare and present to the Board in print, on or

before the last regular meeting of the Board in December, an estimate of the expenses of the public schools for the next financial year, and this estimate, after approval by a two-thirds yea and nay vote of the Board, shall be sent to the City Auditor. to be presented in print.

3. Shall, after the appropriations have been made for the schools, report a budget of expenditures divided by objects, and every proposal to change the budget shall be referred to the Committee on Accounts. Budget of expenditures.

4. Shall audit all pay-rolls of salaries and all bills of expenditure authorized by the Board, or any committee or officer thereof, and make requisition on the City Auditor each month for the payment of such as they have approved. Audit pay-rolls.

5. Shall make out bills for tuition of non-resident pupils attending the public schools, and transmit the same to the City Collector for collection. Bills for tuition of non-resident pupils.

6. Shall include the annual detailed account of expenditures prepared by the Auditing Clerk in a printed report to the Board in March of each year. Annual report.

SECT. 36. The Committee on School Houses: Committee on School Houses.

1. Shall have authority in cases of immediate and pressing necessity to provide temporary accommodations for school purposes, after consultation with the Superintendent and Visitor for the District; all such contracts to be reported to the Board at its first meeting after the making of such contracts. Temporary school accommodations.

2. Shall nominate to the Board an architect or architects to design plans and supervise the construction of buildings to be erected or altered or upon which additions are to be made; but the services of the School-house Agent shall, so far as practicable, be availed of in such work. Selection of architects.

3. Shall prepare plans for the erection of new school buildings, or for additions to, or alterations of, old school buildings, and after such plans shall have been approved in writing by the Superintendent and the School-house Agent, shall submit the same to the Board for its approval, together with careful estimates of the cost of the proposed new buildings, or of the alteration of, or addition to, an old building. Erection of new buildings. Additions, alterations, etc. Approval of Board on estimated cost of new buildings, additions, alterations, etc.

4. Shall consider the fitness of locations for school-houses and submit to the Board such reports and recommendations relating thereto as they shall deem proper. Locations of school-houses.

5. Shall advertise for school-house sites, receive proposals and give public hearings with reference to the selection thereof, and perform the other duties prescribed in section 1 of chapter 202 of the Acts of 1897. Advertise for school-house sites.

6. Shall not make or authorize any contract for a sum exceeding $500 until it has been approved by the Board; Approval of Board on con-

tracts exceeding $500.

but they may, on their own responsibility, order to be made on any school building, repairs at an aggregate cost not to exceed $500.

Bids solicited by advertisement on work exceeding estimated cost of $500.

7. Shall cause bids for all work the estimated cost of which exceeds $500 to be solicited by advertisement in the "City Record," such advertisement to state the time and place for opening the proposals in answer to said advertisement, and reserving in such advertisement the right to this committee to reject any or all proposals.

Every proposal to be accompanied by a bond, check, or deposit.

8. Shall require every proposal for doing such work to be accompanied by a suitable bond, certified check or deposit of money for the faithful performance of such proposal, and shall keep all such proposals unopened until the time fixed in the notice for their opening, shall at such time open the proposals and thereafter keep them and allow the public to inspect the same.

Contracts not to be altered after execution.

9. Shall not, after the execution thereof, alter any contract except by a writing signed by the School-house Agent, by the contractors, and by the sureties on their bonds, whenever their liability may be affected by such alteration, and approved by the Board.

Faithful performance of contracts.

10. Shall see that all contracts are faithfully performed and all penalties properly enforced for breaches of contract, unless the Board on report of this committee shall otherwise order.

Contracts to be let to lowest bidder.

11. Shall in all cases let the contract to the lowest bidder, unless the Board shall, on report of this committee, for good cause shown, otherwise order.

Estimates of expenditures to be made during July and August, to be presented to Board in June.

12. Shall at the first meeting of the Board in June of each year submit for approval separate estimates of such expenditures as this committee recommend to be made during July and August, and, after the approval of such estimates, may during said months authorize contracts and necessary changes therein in accordance with such estimates, which contracts and changes shall be valid without submission to and approval by the Board; but so far as practicable, contracts for all work to be done during July and August shall, by this committee, be submitted to the Board for approval before the adjournment for vacation.

Contracts not to be made in advance or in excess of appropriations.

13. Shall not make any contracts or authorize any expenditure until an appropriation therefor has been made by the Board, and in no case in excess of the amount appropriated.

Warming and ventilation of school-houses.

14. Shall have general supervision of the warming and ventilation of the several school-houses.

Appointment and discharge of janitors.

15. Shall, subject to the approval of the Board, appoint and discharge the janitors of the several school-houses; make such regulations as they deem necessary for their

government; such rules to be printed and distributed to the principals of the schools and janitors.

16. Shall propose to the Committee on Salaries a scale for the compensation of janitors, which compensation shall be in full for all services rendered. Compensation of janitors.

17. Shall annually in the month of December, after consultation with the School-house Agent, report to the Board in detail the expenditures made during the year for school house accommodations, with their opinion as to the condition and adequacy of existing school-house accommodations, and recommendations as to future needs. Annually report to Board detailed expenditures for school-house accommodations.

18. Shall report in writing upon all propositions for changes in district lines before they are acted upon by the Board. Changes in district lines.

SECT. 37. The Committee on Salaries shall consider all propositions to establish or to change the salaries of all persons in the service of the Board, or to pay for extra services rendered; and shall report upon them, in writing, with their reasons for or against such propositions, before they are acted upon by the Board, and shall at the first meeting in June of each year report to the Board, in print, a full schedule of salaries, as provided in the regulations, for the ensuing year. Committee on Salaries. Schedule of salaries.

SECT. 38. The Committee on Courses of Study and Text-Books: Committee on Courses of Study and Text-Books.

1. Shall take into careful consideration every proposition to change the courses of study, and no such proposition shall be acted upon by the Board until it has been referred to this committee and reported upon. Changes in courses of study.

2. Shall see that no programme of a special study is put into use in any school until it has been considered by this committee and approved by the Board. Programmes of special studies.

3. Shall pass upon every proposition for the introduction of a text-book, book of reference, globe, map, or chart, before it is acted upon by the Board. Propositions for introduction of text, reference books, etc.

4. Shall make a printed report to the Board in April of each year. Annual report.

SECT. 39. The Committee on Supplies: Committee on Supplies.

1. Shall have exclusive authority to furnish all materials, including school furniture, used by the Board, its officers, or the public schools, and to authorize such expenditures, other than salaries, as may be required in teaching. Furnish materials and furniture.

2. Shall, if they deem it expedient, annually advertise for proposals, and contract with responsible parties to furnish the text-books necessary to carry out the provisions of the Public Statutes, Chap. 44, Sects. 36 and 37, as amended by Chap. 103 of the Acts of 1884, and shall see that the same are fully complied with. Advertise for proposals to furnish text-books.

3. Shall have the supervision of all printing, and shall Supervise printing.

furnish such as may be required by the Board, its officers, or the public schools, unless otherwise provided for, but shall limit all documents and reports not otherwise ordered to six hundred copies.

City property.

4. Shall have the custody and management of all personal property belonging to the city which is held by this Board, and may give such instructions to the School-house Agent and Auditing Clerk, and authorize such expenditures as may be necessary for the care and protection of the same.

Messengers.

5. Shall employ as many messengers as may be necessary for the prompt delivery of all notices, circulars, reports, small packages, and other matter required to be transmitted by the Board and its officers.

Annual report.

6. Shall annually, in the month of March, include the annual account made by the Auditing Clerk, of articles furnished to the schools, in a printed report to the Board.

Furnish reference-books.

7. Shall have authority to furnish such reference-books for the schools as may be asked for on the requisition of the principals approved by the Superintendent.

Furnishing of school-houses.

8. The School-house Agent shall, under the direction of this committee, have general charge of the furnishing of school-houses; so far as practicable, purchases of school furniture shall be made on bids duly advertised and subject to the same general provisions applicable to contracts made under section 36.

Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training.

SECT. 40. The Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training:

1. Shall have the general supervision of the subjects of hygiene and physical training in all the schools.

2. Shall each year in the months of January and June call for a report from each master upon the sanitary condition of all buildings under his charge.

3. Shall investigate all complaints and report the condition of buildings, with suggestions, to the Committee on School Houses, and shall make a written report to the Board in September.

Committee on Truant Officers.

SECT. 41. The Committee on Truant Officers:

1. Shall have the general supervision and control of the truant officers employed in connection with the public schools; shall, subject to approval by the Board, make regulations for the government of truant officers in the discharge of their duties, and assign them to the several school districts as they shall deem expedient.

Election of truant officers.

2. Shall, when vacancies occur, or as otherwise ordered by the Board, nominate suitable persons for truant officers, and when approved by the Board such truant officers shall hold their office during the pleasure of the Board.

3. Shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Board, one of the truant officers chief of the truant force.

4. Shall annually, in September, make a written report to the Board.

SECT. 42. The Committee on Legislative Matters:

Committee on Legislative Matters.

1. Shall keep the Board informed as to all bills before the Legislature relating to the public schools.

Bills before Legislature.

2. Shall propose to the Board for presentation to the Legislature such measures as they deem desirable.

Propose legislation.

3. Shall represent the Board before the Legislature whenever authorized so to do by the Board.

Represent the Board before Legislature.

SECT. 43. A Committee on the Annual Report, to be appointed in June, shall prepare and superintend the publication of the Annual Report as required by the Public Statutes. This committee shall present its report to the Board at the first regular meeting in December. This report, when accepted by the Board, shall be printed for the use of the inhabitants of the city; and the Secretary shall see that the requisite number of copies of the same are sent to the City Clerk, and to the Board of Education of the State. Another edition of the Annual Report shall be issued in a volume, which shall also contain the reports for the year of the Superintendent; such reports of the standing committees of the Board as the said special committee may deem advisable; a report of the Annual School Festival; a list of the diploma scholars, and of the recipients of medals and prizes; the usual statistical tables; the organization of the schools; and descriptions and dedications of school-houses; but no other matter shall be included in the volume, except by the order of the Board. The edition of the bound volume shall be one thousand copies. The number of copies of the other edition of the report shall be determined by the Board, and both editions shall be distributed by the Secretary, under the direction of the Committee on the Annual Report, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

Committee on Annual Report.

Report to be printed.

Another edition.

Contents.

Number of copies.

Distribution.

SECT. 44. The Chairman of any committee shall, whenever a motion, order, or resolution is referred to a committee, give the member offering it an opportunity to be heard before the committee; such committee shall report to the Board within one month after such reference, and the minority of a committee shall always have a right to present a minority report.

Member offering motions, etc., to be heard before committee.

Minority reports.

Visitors.

SECT. 45. The Visitors shall visit the respective districts, schools, and classes to which their duties relate, and shall make written reports thereon to the Board in November, and may make reports at any other time.

Duties of visitors.

Reports.

SECT. 46. It shall be their duty to bring to the attention of the Superintendent, or other proper officer, all matters which in their judgment require criticism or suggestion.

CHAPTER IV.

Duties of the Superintendent.

Election.

Term of office.

SECTION 56. A Superintendent of Schools shall be elected by ballot in the month of June, 1898, and biennially thereafter, who shall hold his office for the term of two years from the first day of September in the year of his election.

Executive officer.

SECT. 57. The Superintendent shall be the executive officer of the School Board in all matters relating to instruction. He shall see that all regulations of the public schools and all orders of the School Committee concerning the supervision, instruction, and management of the schools, are executed. He may appoint such clerical assistants as shall be necessary, subject to the approval of the Board.

Assign duties to supervisors.

SECT. 58. He shall assign to each supervisor such duties as he thinks best, and he may delegate to any one or more of them any part of his authority, except such of it as relates to the appointment, transfer, and removal of instructors and other officers, to the approval of plans, and to recommendations to the Board or other relations with it. Such delegated authority shall be exercised under the direction of the Superintendent, and he shall be personally responsible therefor. He shall have authority to make such arrangements, and give to the supervisors, directors, principals, and instructors of special subjects such directions, not contrary to the regulations or orders of the Board, as in his judgment the welfare of the schools requires.

Appoint, transfer, and remove directors, principals, and instructors.

SECT. 59. He shall, after consultation with members of the Board of Supervisors, and subject to the approval of the Board, appoint, transfer, and remove all directors, principals, and other instructors, provided that in the case of subordinate instructors he shall also consult the principal of the school, if any, to which the action relates, and with the appropriate director if the action relates to his department.

Appoint temporary teachers.

He may appoint temporary teachers for a term not exceeding three months, such appointments to be reported to the Board at the meeting next following, but this period shall not be extended or renewed without the approval of the Board.

Report on changes in courses of study.

SECT. 60. He shall take into careful consideration every proposal to change the courses of study, and no such proposal shall be acted upon by the Board until it has been

reported upon by him. No programme of a special study shall be put into use in any school until it has been considered by him and approved by the Board.

Report on proposed changes in Regulations.

SECT. 61. He shall report upon all propositions for changes in the Regulations before they are acted upon by the Board.

Determine. forms of registers, blanks, etc.

SECT. 62. He shall determine the forms of all registers, record-books, blanks, and cards used in the schools, and shall see that they are of uniform patterns. He shall make investigations as to the number and condition of the children of the city who are not attending the public schools, and shall endeavor to ascertain the reasons for such non-attendance, and to suggest and apply the remedies.

Non-attendance.

Annual report.

SECT. 63. Annually, in the month of March, he shall present to the Board, in print, a report, giving an account of the duties he has performed, together with such facts and suggestions relating to the condition of the schools, and the increase of their efficiency and usefulness, as he may deem advisable. He shall embrace in the report an abstract of the semi-annual returns of the public schools, and a schedule showing the number of teachers employed. He shall, in the month of September of each year, present, in print, an abstract of the semi-annual returns for the preceding half-year.

Dismissal of schools.

SECT. 64. The Superintendent is authorized to dismiss the Grammar Schools one half-day in each term, and the Primary Schools two half-days in each term, for the purpose of advising teachers on the best method of instruction and discipline. He shall decide when there shall be but one session of the Grammar and Primary Schools on account of stormy weather.

One session.

Render assistance to committees.

SECT. 65. He shall render such aid and communicate such information to the various committees as they may require of him; and shall have a right to attend all committee meetings, and shall attend any meeting of a committee when requested to do so by the chairman thereof.

Attend meetings of Board, and take part in debate.

SECT. 66. He shall, except when the election or salary of Superintendent is under consideration, be present at all meetings of the Board, unless, by a three-fourths vote of the members present, the Board shall go into exclusive executive session. When present he shall have the same right as a member to take part in debate. He may propose to the Board or its committees, in writing, such action touching the schools as he may deem necessary.

Propose action touching schools.

May be asked questions.

SECT. 67. Any member of the Board may, in executive session, ask him any question relating to the administration of the schools.

Other duties.

SECT. 68. He shall consider and report upon such matters as may be referred to him to the Board or its com-

mittees; and he shall perform such other duties as the Board may require.

CHAPTER V.

Duties of the Supervisors.

Election of supervisors.

SECTION 73. In the month of June, 1898, and biennially thereafter, the School Committee shall elect by ballot not exceeding six supervisors, who shall hold their office for the term of two years from the first day of September in the year of their election.

Duties of supervisors.

SECT. 74. The supervisors, when not acting as a Board, shall perform such duties as the Superintendent shall direct.

Visit schools, etc.

SECT. 75. They shall, under his direction, visit all the schools, day and evening, as often as practicable, for the purpose of obtaining information regarding the efficiency of the teachers, the progress of the pupils, the observance of the Regulations and courses of study, and the general condition of the schools. The results of such visits, with such remarks, recommendations, and suggestions as may seem desirable, shall be reported to the Superintendent in such manner and at such times as he shall prescribe. Such reports shall be kept on file in the Superintendent's office, and open only to the inspection of the members of the Board.

Reports.

Superintendent a member of Board of Supervisors.

SECT. 76. The Superintendent shall be a member of the Board of Supervisors, and shall, when present, preside at their meetings. They shall give written opinions on any question when so requested by the Superintendent or the Board.

Examination of pupils, and candidates for certificates of qualification.

SECT. 77. The Board of Supervisors shall hold examinations of pupils and of candidates for certificates of qualification, as provided in the Regulations.

Report on proposed introduction of text and reference books, etc.

SECT. 78. Every proposition for the introduction of a text-book, book of reference, globe, map, or chart, must be reported upon in writing by the Board of Supervisors, as well as by the Committee on Courses of Study and Text-Books, before it is approved by the Board, except that books purchased by requisitions on school funds, or received as gifts, are authorized for use as reference-books; provided they are approved by the Superintendent.

CHAPTER VI.

Duties of the Secretary.

SECTION 82. The Secretary shall keep a permanent record-book, in which shall be regularly recorded the proceedings of the Board. He shall have charge of all the documents, papers, and files of the Board; and may appoint such assistants as shall be necessary, subject to the approval of the Board. He shall keep in his office for use of the Board and principals of schools a list of certificated teachers who are immediately available as substitutes.

Keep records and files.

List of available substitutes.

SECT. 83. He shall notify all regular and special meetings of the Board, and of any committee of the same, when requested by the chairman or any two members thereof; he shall notify instructors of their appointment; the chairman of any committee appointed, of its duties and the names of its members, and shall give such other notices as the Board may require; and he, or any assistant that may be appointed, shall perform the duties of secretary for the Board of Supervisors, and for any committee when required to do so.

Notify meetings.

Secretary of supervisors and committees.

SECT. 84. He shall prepare the annual returns required by the statutes of the Commonwealth, and transmit the same, legally signed, to the secretary of the Board of Education, on or before the thirtieth day of April.

Returns to secretary of the Board of Education.

SECT. 85. He shall transmit to members of the Board, committees, teachers, or other persons interested, any documents or copies of orders or resolutions, as directed, or as occasion may require; and he shall also transmit to the City Auditor, immediately after their passage, attested copies of all votes of the Board establishing or altering salaries, or authorizing the expenditure of money; and he shall perform such other duties as the School Committee may prescribe.

Votes to be transmitted.

SECT. 86. He shall prepare an edition of the Rules and Regulations, revised and corrected to the time of issue, and cause the same to be printed and distributed to the teachers of the public schools in the month of September of each year.

Editions of Rules and Regulations.

SECT. 87. He shall prepare a list of the authorized text, reference, and supplementary reading books, and cause it to be printed for distribution on or before the fifteenth day of September in each year.

List of authorized text, reference, and supplementary reading books.

SECT. 88. He shall prepare a manual of the public schools, and cause it to be printed for distribution on or before the fifteenth day of February in each year. He shall, under the direction of the Committee on Supplies, cause a census to be taken of all children in the city,

Manual.

Census.

between the ages of five and fifteen, according to law; and attend to the preparation of the diplomas when awarded, and see that they are delivered to the principals at least one day before the graduating exercises.

Diplomas, preparation of.

Use of rooms in School Committee building.

SECT. 89. No room in the School Committee building, Mason street, shall be used — except by the School Committee, its committees, and the school officers — without the permission of the Secretary, to whom all applications for the use of such rooms shall be made. He may submit to the Board for approval any request for the use of said rooms, which, in his judgment, should be acted upon by the Board.

Office hours.

SECT. 90. He shall have his office open, and shall be present, or have an attendant in charge, every day throughout the year, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, from 9 o'clock A.M. to 5 o'clock P.M.; but on Saturdays the office may be closed at 2 o'clock P.M. During the months of July and August the office may be closed on Saturdays at 12 o'clock M.

CHAPTER VII.

Duties of the Auditing Clerk.

Duties of Auditing Clerk.

SECTION 93. The Auditing Clerk shall perform his duties under the direction of the Committee on Accounts and the Committee on Supplies, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. He may appoint such assistants as may be required, subject to the approval of the Board.

Prepare payrolls.

Audit bills.

Keep account of expenditures.

Keep record of property.

SECT. 94. He shall prepare the pay-roll of all salaries in accordance with the Regulations or orders of the Board, shall audit all bills of expenditures authorized by the Board or any committee thereof, shall keep an account of all the expenditures of the Board in suitable books which shall always be open to the inspection of the members, and shall keep a record of all property held by the Committee on Supplies or in use in the schools.

Attend meetings of Committee on Accounts and Supplies.

SECT. 95. He shall notify and attend all meetings of the Committee on Accounts and the Committee on Supplies, and render such clerical assistance as may be required, and keep a record of the proceedings thereof.

Report to Committee on Accounts, expenditures for preceding year.

Account of personal property.

SECT. 96. He shall annually, at the close of the financial year, submit in detail to the Committee on Accounts an account of the expenditures for the preceding year; and he shall annually in the month of February submit in detail to the Committee on Supplies an account of the articles purchased and furnished to the several grades of schools, as well as of the materials on hand.

SECT. 97. He shall have his office open, and shall be present, or have an attendant in charge, every day throughout the year, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, from 9 o'clock A.M. to 5 o'clock P.M.; but on Saturdays the office may be closed at 2 o'clock P.M. During the months of July and August the office may be closed on Saturdays at 12 o'clock M. Office hours.

CHAPTER VIII.

Duties of the Messenger.

SECTION 100. It shall be the duty of the Messenger to be present at all the meetings of the Board, and to render such service to the members and officers as may be required. Messenger.

CHAPTER IX.

Duties of the School-House Agent.

SECTION 103. The School-house Agent shall be the executive officer of the Board in all matters relating to the construction, furnishing, repair, and maintenance of all school buildings and grounds. Before entering upon the performance of his duties he shall give a bond conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties, payable to the city of Boston, in such penal sum as the Board may, on recommendation of the Committee on School Houses, determine. Duties of School-house Agent. Furnish bond.

SECT. 104. He shall have authority to order to be made, on his own responsibility, current minor repairs upon school-houses at an expense not exceeding in the aggregate a sum to be fixed from time to time by the Committee on School Houses, with the approval of the Board. Minor repairs.

SECT. 105. He shall make a quarterly report of all needed repairs on school-houses, with an estimate of the cost thereof, and a monthly report of all his doings and expenditures, all of which shall be submitted to the full Board for its inspection. Quarterly report.

SECT. 106. He shall certify to the correctness of all bills for expenses incurred for the construction, alteration, or repair of school-houses where an architect is not employed, and he shall have charge of all furniture and other school-house fittings in the possession of the Board. Bills.

SECT. 107. He shall be present at all meetings of the Committee on School Houses, and shall have a right to take part in the discussions. Attend meetings of Committee on School Houses.

Assistants.

SECT. 108. He may appoint such assistants as may be necessary, subject to the approval of the Board.

Supervise janitors of school-houses.

SECT. 109. He shall have the supervision of the janitors of the school-houses, and shall see that they carry out all Regulations of the Board and directions of the Committee on School Houses, and shall report all cases of negligence or inefficiency to the Committee on School Houses. But nothing herein is to be construed as affecting or in any way impairing the responsibility of the principals of the schools for the control of janitors as provided in section 198 of the Regulations.

Perform other duties.

SECT. 110. He shall perform such other duties as the Board, or the Committee on School Houses, may from time to time prescribe.

CHAPTER X.

The School Faculty.

Election.

SECTION 112. There shall be a School Faculty consisting of the Superintendent as President, of the Supervisors, of the Directors, of three members chosen by the principals of the Latin and High Schools from among their own number, of three members chosen by the subordinate teachers in the Latin and High Schools from among their own number, of ten members chosen by the principals of Grammar Schools from among their own number, and of ten members chosen by the other teachers in the day schools from among their own number. The elected members shall serve for one calendar year, and shall be chosen at meetings held in December of the previous year. The method and time of election for the year 1898 shall be determined by the Committee on Rules and Regulations, in consultation with the Superintendent, and thereafter by the Faculty itself, which shall also have power to decide contested elections.

Matters submitted to Faculty.

SECT. 113. All changes in the courses of instruction, in the creation of new grades of teachers or pupils or the change of the old ones, all changes of rules on hygiene, physical training or discipline, shall be submitted to and reported upon by the Faculty before being acted upon by the Board, unless the Board orders otherwise.

Present petitions.

SECT. 114. The Faculty may consider and discuss all questions relating to the welfare of the schools, and shall have the right to make suggestions or present petitions or remonstrances to the Board.

Meetings.

SECT. 115. The Faculty shall meet once a month at such regular time and place as it may determine. It shall also

meet at any other time on the call of the Superintendent or on the written request of any seven of the members.

In the absence of the Superintendent, the Faculty shall select a presiding officer. Select presiding officer.

The meetings of the Faculty shall not be open to the public, but any member of the Board may attend, and shall have the right to be heard upon any question referred to the Faculty by the Board. Members of Board may attend meetings of Faculty.

REGULATIONS.

CHAPTER XI.

Examinations of Candidates for Teachers' Certificates.

Examinations of candidates.

SECTION 125. The Board of Supervisors, shall hold, each school year, two examinations of candidates for teachers' certificates of qualification — the first in January and the second in April; and shall determine which grade or grades of candidates shall be invited to attend these examinations.

Other examinations may be held whenever, in the opinion of the Superintendent, the needs of the schools seem to demand the same.

Advertisements.

The Superintendent shall advertise in at least four newspapers of this State — and may advertise in two newspapers outside this State — the grade or grades. and the time and place, of all examinations of candidates for teachers' certificates of qualification, except such examinations as are provided for in Section 129 of the Regulations.

Written applications.

SECT. 126. Candidates shall be required to make written application, in their own handwriting, stating their age, place of birth, where they were educated, what experience, if any, they have had in teaching, and in what grade of schools they desire to be employed; but this application may be made at the time of the examination. No person shall be admitted to an examination who is not a graduate of the Boston Normal School or of one of the State Normal Schools, unless such person has had at least one year's experience in teaching school, or is a college graduate who has completed a satisfactory course of study in pedagogy. Candidates for the certificate of qualification, High School, Class A, shall be graduates of colleges in good standing, or of institutions which confer degrees of a corresponding grade.

Not eligible.

Questions.

SECT. 127. The questions for the examination of candidates shall be adopted by the Board of Supervisors. The examination of candidates shall include inquiry into the moral character, the health, and the aptness to teach of the applicants. No person, except the Superintendent, the Supervisors, and the members of the Board, shall be allowed to be present at any examination of candidates.

Moral character, etc.

Who may be present.

Certificates of qualification.

SECT. 128. The Board of Supervisors shall grant certificates of qualification, after examination, to such candidates as he shall consider entitled to them, as follows:

High School, Class A. To masters, and junior-masters of the Normal and High Schools, and principals of Evening High Schools.

High School, Class B. To assistant principals and assistants of the Normal School, and of day and evening High Schools, and to principals of Grammar Schools.

Grammar School, Class A. To masters and sub-masters of Grammar Schools, principals of Evening Elementary Schools, and assistants of Evening High Schools.

Grammar School, Class B. To assistants of Grammar, Primary, and Evening Elementary Schools.

Kindergartens. To instructors of Kindergartens.

Special. To instructors of special studies and of special schools.

Signed by.

The certificate of qualification shall be signed by the Superintendent and at least a majority of the supervisors; and no certificate shall be signed in blank. The certificate shall make the holder thereof eligible for service as a substitute, temporary teacher, or special assistant, or for appointment on probation.

Special examination of instructor.

SECT. 129. If a vacancy exist in a subordinate position in any school, and it is desirable, in the opinion of the Superintendent, to procure the services of some instructor who has not been examined as required, he may order the Board of Supervisors to examine specially the candidate, who, if qualified, shall receive the usual certificate.

Certificates not valid.

SECT. 130. No certificate, the holder of which has been out of the service of the city for a term of two years, shall be valid, unless renewed by the Board of Supervisors after careful investigation. They shall revise, at least once a year, the list of certificated teachers who are available for service. They shall strike therefrom the names of those who, after a fair trial and careful investigation, are found to be incompetent teachers. For the use of the Board, and the committees thereof, a classification shall be made of those persons whose names remain on the list, according to their excellence and their probable fitness for certain positions.

List of certificated teachers.

CHAPTER XII.

Appointment of Instructors in the Public Schools.

Term of instructors.

SECTION 136. The term of all re-appointed instructors shall date from the first day of September; that of all others dating from the time when they enter upon their duties.

Names of teachers and pupils in official

SECT. 137. In all official records and documents, containing the names of teachers or pupils in the public

records, how written.

schools, no abbreviations or diminutives shall be used, but such names shall be expressed in full, or by stating at least one of the given names in full.

Appointment of instructors during the pleasure of the Board.

SECT. 138. All instructors not otherwise provided for shall be appointed annually by the Superintendent, subject to the approval of the Board. All instructors — except those of the Evening Schools and Evening Drawing Schools, temporary teachers, and special assistants — who have served successfully for four successive years, shall be eligible for appointment for a tenure of office during good behavior and efficiency. The Superintendent may, at any time, with the approval of the Board, remove or transfer an instructor.

Re-appointment of instructors.

SECT. 139. Subject to the approval of the Board, the Superintendent shall, at the first meeting in June of each year, re-appoint instructors for the ensuing year whom he deems efficient, and who are not already on tenure, and may, at the same meeting, appoint such instructors as are eligible, for a tenure of office during good behavior and efficiency. These re-appointments shall be contained in a printed report which shall include a carefully prepared statement of the number of pupils in each school or district during the year, and of the number of instructors to which each school or district may be entitled under the Regulations. This report shall also contain a statement of all schools or districts in which the number and rank of instructors allowed by the Regulations have been exceeded, with the reasons for such excess.

Appointment to serve during the pleasure of the Board.

Printed report.

Number of pupils used.

SECT. 140. The number of pupils used in determining the rank of instructors to be appointed at the annual election shall be the average whole number, and, in ascertaining the number of subordinate teachers of all ranks, the greatest whole number belonging at any one time in the several schools and districts for the current school year. At other times than the annual election the whole number of pupils belonging in a school or district, when action is proposed to be taken, shall be used in ascertaining the number of teachers allowed to such school or district.

Instructors re-entering the service.

SECT. 141. Instructors, after retiring from the service of the Board, shall, upon reëntering the service, be regarded as new teachers, except that if at the time of their retirement such instructors were serving on a tenure of office during good behavior and efficiency, they may, after serving one year on probation, be appointed by the Superintendent, subject to the approval of the Board for a tenure of office during the pleasure of the Board.

Teachers on probation.

SECT. 142. All regular instructors, and all special instructors in day schools, except principals of schools and directors, shall be appointed on probation; and they shall

be entitled to the established salary from the time of entering upon their duties, but they shall not be confirmed until after a satisfactory trial of one year. No appointment shall bear a date previous to the date of the certificate of qualification issued to the nominee by the Board of Supervisors. After a teacher has been appointed on probation, the principal of the school, and one or more supervisors assigned by the Superintendent, shall examine his work in the class-room, and report the results of said examinations in writing to the Superintendent. The Superintendent, after examining these reports, shall confirm teachers on probation, if found competent, in the manner required for appointment on probation. He may, for satisfactory reasons, extend the time of probation, or may remove, subject to the approval of the Board, any subordinate teacher on probation, who, before the expiration of the time of probation, is found to be incompetent or unsuitable for his position. No teacher failing of confirmation, after serving two years on probation in the same position, shall be longer employed. Whenever an instructor, who has been appointed to serve during the pleasure of the Board, is promoted in rank, he may, if confirmed after serving one year on probation in the higher rank, be appointed for a term of office during the pleasure of the Board, *except* that whenever an instructor who has been appointed to serve during the pleasure of the Board is promoted to the rank of principal of a Normal, Latin, High, or Grammar School, he may, after serving two years as principal (during which time he shall be annually appointed), be appointed for a term of office during the pleasure of the Board.

Date of certificate.

Report of supervisors and principals.

Confirmation.

Removal of a teacher.

Appointment of instructors during the pleasure of the Board.

SECT. 143. The rank of any instructor may be changed by vote of the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, whenever the average whole number in the school for the preceding three months shall warrant a change; but such action shall take effect only at the beginning of the month following favorable action of the Board. When the rank of any instructor is reduced by the operation of this regulation, such instructor shall receive the maximum salary of the lower rank; but when the rank of any instructor so reduced is increased in like manner, the salary shall be that to which any previous terms of service in the same or higher rank, or in both, may entitle the incumbent.

Rank changed.

SECT. 144. No teacher shall be granted leave of absence except on account of personal illness, or on account of a critical illness or a death in the immediate family of such teacher. Whenever a teacher is absent, a substitute, holding a certificate of the proper grade, shall be employed in

Leave of absence.

Substitutes.

place of the absentee. The Superintendent may grant leave of absence to, and appoint a substitute for, a special instructor or a principal for not more than one week at a time, or to any subordinate teacher for not more than three weeks at a time. Requests for leave of absence to teachers for longer than said week or three weeks shall be accompanied by a certificate of a physician that in the judgment of said physician the leave is necessary on account of the physical condition of the applicant for leave. The period of a leave of absence to a teacher shall be limited to four months; but the Board may extend such leave for periods of four months each; *provided*, that no teacher shall be granted continuous leave of absence for a term longer than one year; and if at the expiration of said year the teacher is unable to return to duty, such teacher shall resign, or be honorably discharged from the service. All propositions for leave of absence to teachers, and the substitutes who shall fill such places, must be recommended by the Superintendent to the Board for approval. Principals shall immediately notify the Superintendent of the absence of a teacher, and may employ a substitute for such teachers for not longer than three days, without his consent. Principals shall make monthly returns to the Committee on Accounts of all substitutes employed in their schools, on a blank furnished for the purpose.

Physician's certificate.

Discharge of a teacher.

Reports of service of substitutes.

No person to be employed as a teacher who does not hold proper certificate.

No higher grade.

Recorded.

Pay-rolls.

SECT. 145. No person who does not hold a certificate of qualification, or of service, of the proper grade, shall be employed in any position as an instructor, or give any instruction in the public schools. No instructor shall be employed in any higher grade of schools than that for which the certificate shall qualify the holder thereof; and no instructor whose certificate is not recorded in the office of the Committee on Accounts shall be entitled to draw any salary as a teacher or as a substitute; and the auditing clerk shall not allow the name of any such teacher or substitute to be entered or to remain on the pay-rolls.

Normal School.

Rank of instructors.

Number of teachers.

Number of pupils to an instructor.

SECTION 147. The instructors of this school shall be a head-master, master, and assistants. The head-master shall be a graduate of a college in good standing. He shall have a master, and as many assistants as may be necessary, provided the whole number of teachers, exclusive of the head-master and master, shall not exceed one for every twenty-five pupils. An additional instructor may be elected for an excess of twenty pupils, and one may be removed for a deficiency of twenty. In addition to the instructors already provided for in this section, there shall

be an assistant as teacher of gymnastics, an assistant teacher of the theory and practice of the Kindergarten, and a special teacher of drawing.

Training School.

The instructors in the Training School shall be a master, two sub-masters, two first assistants, and as many assistants as may be necessary, — the Superintendent to determine the number of assistants, — provided that the whole number of instructors, exclusive of the master, shall not exceed one for every forty-nine pupils. An additional instructor may be appointed for an excess of twenty-five pupils, and one may be removed for a deficiency of twenty-five. An additional instructor, with the rank of assistant, may be appointed for an ungraded class.

Number of pupils to a teacher.

Training School Kindergarten, number of pupils to a teacher.

The Training School Kindergarten shall be allowed one assistant, exclusive of the principal, for every twenty-five pupils in attendance.

Latin and High Schools.

Rank of instructors.

SECTION 148. Instructors of the Latin and High Schools shall be head-masters, masters, junior-masters, assistant principals, and assistants. In Latin and High Schools of two hundred pupils or more, the principal shall be a head-master; and in those of less than two hundred pupils, the principal shall be a master; *provided*, that no head-master who was in the service of the city April 1, 1886, as a principal of a High School of less than two hundred pupils, shall be reduced in rank, in consequence of increasing the number of pupils used in determining the rank of principals from one hundred and fifty to two hundred.

Rank of subordinate instructors.

The subordinate instructors in the Boys' Latin School and the English High School shall be masters and junior-masters. In mixed High Schools of one hundred and fifty pupils or more a junior-master may be appointed, and an additional junior-master may be appointed for every additional one hundred and fifty pupils, and in the Girls' Latin School and in the Girls' High School a master may be appointed. Such male instructors above the rank of assistant who have been employed eleven years or more as regular teachers in the High Schools of this city shall be masters, and those who have been employed less than eleven years shall be junior-masters.

Number of instructors.

SECT. 149. Besides the principal, each High School shall be allowed one instructor, in addition to such special teachers as the Board may appoint, for every thirty-five pupils registered.

Number of pupils to an instructor.

The Boys' Latin School shall be allowed one instructor, exclusive of the principal, for every thirty-five pupils registered; except that in the three upper classes one instructor shall be allowed for every thirty pupils registered; an additional instructor shall be allowed

for such special work as may be required. The Girls' Latin School shall be allowed one instructor, exclusive of a master, for every thirty pupils registered. An additional instructor may be appointed for an excess of twenty pupils, and one may be removed for a deficiency of twenty pupils.

Excess of twenty.

Graduates of colleges.

SECT. 150. All male instructors, and, after Sept. 1, 1900, all instructors regularly employed in the Latin and High Schools, shall be graduates of colleges in good standing, or of institutions which confer degrees of a corresponding grade; *provided*, that this restriction shall not apply to persons holding on the date named a certificate entitling them to fill such positions.

Grammar Schools.

Rank of instructors.

SECTION 151. The instructors of the Grammar Schools shall be masters, sub-masters, first assistants, and assistants.

Principals.

Rank.

2. One principal shall be appointed for every Grammar School. In schools of three hundred pupils, or more, the principal shall be a master. In schools of one hundred, or more, but less than three hundred, the principal shall be a sub-master. In schools of less than one hundred the principal shall rank as first assistant; *provided*, that as vacancies occur in the position of principal of Grammar Schools, the rank of the persons appointed to fill such vacancies, if they were not in the service of the city as teachers Oct. 13, 1885, shall be determined in the following manner: In schools of four hundred pupils, or more, the rank of the principal shall be that of master. In schools of one hundred pupils, or more, but less than four hundred, the principal shall be a sub-master. In schools of less than one hundred pupils, the principal shall rank as first assistant.

Number of pupils to teacher.

Excess of thirty.

Ungraded classes.

3. Beside the principal, each Grammar School of one hundred pupils, or more, shall be allowed one instructor, of whatever rank, for every fifty-six pupils registered; but in schools of less than one hundred, the principal shall be included in the complement of teachers. An additional teacher may be appointed when there is an excess of thirty pupils recorded, or one may be removed when there is a deficiency of thirty pupils. One ungraded class may be established in each Grammar School District, for the instruction of children, who, from age or other reason, are unqualified for the regular grades of the Primary and Grammar Schools. Additional ungraded classes may be established by the Board in any district, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent. In ungraded classes one teacher shall be allowed for thirty-five pupils. The number of teachers herein allowed shall not be exceeded, unless the proper grading of the school, or the insufficiency of the seating capacity of the school-rooms, shall require such excess.

4. The number of subordinate instructors of the several ranks above that of assistant to which schools shall be entitled shall be as indicated in the following schedule: Number of subordinate instructors.

Number of Instructors of all Ranks for the Number of Pupils in same Line.	Number of Pupils.	Sub-Masters.	First Assistants.
	Boys.		
3 or 4	142 to 253	.....	.....
5	254 to 309	.....	.....
6	310 to 365	.....	1
7 to 9	366 to 533	1	1
10	534 to 589	1	1
11 to 14	590 to 813	2	1
15 or more	Over 813	3	1
	Girls.		
3 or 4	142 to 253	.....	.....
5	254 to 309	.....	.....
6	310 to 365	.....	1
7 to 9	366 to 533	.....	2
10	534 to 589	.....	2
11 to 14	590 to 813	.....	2
15 or more	Over 813	.....	2
	Boys and Girls.		
3 or 4	142 to 253	.....	.....
5	254 to 309	.....	.....
6	310 to 365	.....	1
7 to 9	366 to 533	1	1
10	534 to 589	1	1
11 to 14	590 to 813	1	2
15 or more	Over 813	1	2

NOTE. — Table showing the number of instructors to which any number of pupils will entitle a Grammar School, or all the Primary Schools of a district.

No. of Pupils.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Pupils.	No. of Teachers.
From 30 to 85.....	1	From 590 to 645....	11
86 to 141.....	2	646 to 701....	12
142 to 197.....	3	702 to 757....	13
198 to 253.....	4	758 to 813....	14
254 to 309.....	5	814 to 869....	15
310 to 365.....	6	870 to 925....	16
366 to 421.....	7	926 to 981....	17
422 to 477.....	8	982 to 1,037....	18
478 to 533.....	9	1,038 to 1,093....	19
534 to 589.....	10	1,094 to 1,149....	20

EXPLANATION. — A Grammar School, having from two hundred and fifty-four to three hundred and nine pupils, both inclusive, is entitled to five subordinate teachers. Two hundred and fifty-four pupils give five teachers; any greater number, up to and including three hundred and nine, give no more than five teachers. Five hundred and thirty-four to five hundred and eighty-nine pupils in the Primary Schools of a district give ten teachers.

Other teachers.

5. All other regular teachers of the complement to which any school may be entitled shall be assistants.

Primary Schools.

Rank of instructors. Number of pupils to an instructor.

SECTION 152. The instructors of the Primary Schools shall be first assistants and assistants. Fifty-six pupils shall be the standard number to one teacher; but an additional teacher may be appointed when there is an excess of thirty pupils registered for admission, and one may be removed when there is a deficiency of thirty in the district, unless the Board shall otherwise order, in cases where the size of the room is evidently insufficient for so large a number.

SECT. 153. In every Primary School building in which there are six or more teachers of any grade, a Primary School teacher may, under the provisions of the preceding section, be appointed with the rank of first assistant, who shall perform such general duties in connection with said school as may be required by the principal, under the direction of the Superintendent. First assistants.

SECT. 154. Whenever the number of pupils, including those registered for admission, upon the list of any teacher giving instruction to children of the first grade, shall exceed fifty-six, and shall be less than eighty-six, a special assistant teacher, whose salary shall be at the rate of one dollar and a half for each day of actual service, may be appointed. Special assistant teachers.

Evening Schools.

SECTION 155. One assistant shall be allowed for every twenty-five pupils in the Evening High School, and one for every fifteen pupils in the Elementary Schools, and an excess of twenty in the former, or of ten in the latter, shall entitle the school to an additional assistant. In elementary schools of seventy-five pupils, or more, a male teacher may be appointed with the rank of first assistant. In schools of less than fifty the principal shall be included in the complement. Assistants shall be dismissed at the close of any month in which the average attendance shall have fallen below the number authorizing their employment. No principal or female teacher of a public day school in Boston shall serve in the Evening Schools. Number of instructors allowed.

SECT. 156. The principals of the Evening Schools shall be appointed in June. The rank of the principal of the Evening High School shall be that of head-master. As many qualified first assistants and assistants as may be necessary shall be appointed in October. Election of principals of Evening Schools.

Evening Drawing Schools.

SECTION 157. The instructors of the Evening Drawing Schools shall be masters, principals, and assistants. The rank of master shall be abolished, as the position now recognized shall become vacant by the retirement from the service of the incumbents in that position, February, 1891. The masters and principals of the Evening Drawing Schools shall be appointed in September. As many qualified assistants as may be necessary in the Evening Drawing Schools shall be appointed in November. Besides the master or principal, each school shall be entitled to an assistant for every thirty pupils, and an additional assistant for a majority fraction thereof. Number of instructors allowed.

Horace Mann School for the Deaf.

Horace Mann School.

SECTION 158. The instructors for this school shall be a principal, an assistant principal, and assistants. Besides the principal, one instructor shall be allowed for every ten pupils, and an excess of five pupils shall entitle the school to an additional instructor.

Kindergartens.

Director of Kindergartens.

SECTION 159. There shall be appointed a Director of Kindergartens, who, in addition to the duties of Director, shall perform such service in the Normal School as may be required. The instructors of Kindergartens shall be principals and assistants. In Kindergartens having one instructor the rank of the instructor may be either that of principal or that of assistant. In a Kindergarten having two or more instructors, one instructor shall act as principal, and the others as assistants. One instructor shall be allowed for every twenty-five pupils in attendance; but an additional instructor may be appointed for an excess of fifteen pupils in attendance, continuing for two weeks; and an instructor may be removed for a deficiency of fifteen pupils in attendance, continuing for two months. Whenever the numbers in a Kindergarten entitle it to five instructors, that Kindergarten shall be reorganized so as to form two Kindergartens. Whenever, in the judgment of the Superintendent, it is necessary, he may appoint a special assistant, whose salary shall be five dollars a week. Whenever, in his judgment, the assistance of an attendant is required in a Kindergarten, he may appoint an attendant, whose compensation shall not exceed twenty-five cents for each day of actual service. Such attendants shall, so far as practicable, be chosen from among the relatives of the children.

Number of instructors allowed.

Special assistant.

Attendant.

Manual Training.

Manual Training Schools.

SECTION 160. There shall be such instructors in manual training as the Superintendent, subject to the approval of the Board, may appoint.

Mechanic Arts High School.

Mechanic Arts High School.

SECTION 161. The instructors in the Mechanic Arts High School shall be a head-master, masters, junior-masters, instructors, assistant instructors, and an instructor of metal working. Besides the principal, there shall be allowed one instructor, in addition to such teachers of a special grade as the Board may decide, for every twenty-four pupils registered. An additional instructor may be appointed for an excess of sixteen pupils, and one may be removed for a deficiency of sixteen pupils.

Number of pupils to a teacher.

CHAPTER XIII.

Salaries of Instructors.

SECTION 165. Annually in the month of June the Board shall fix the salaries of the instructors of the public schools for the year beginning the first of the following September; and the salaries established at the beginning of the year shall not be increased during that year. Salaries of instructors.

SECT. 166. The Superintendent in appointing teachers on probation as assistants in Grammar or Primary Schools shall determine the year of service in accordance with the following: A teacher appointed on probation (whether in case of a new teacher, or of one who has retired from the service and afterwards reënters it) shall receive one year's credit for more than two and less than four years' previous service; two years' credit for more than four and less than six years' previous service; three years' credit for six or more years' previous service. The salary of no teacher transferred to a higher rank or grade of schools shall be reduced. Credit allowed for previous experience.

The salary of a teacher who fails of confirmation after serving two years on probation in the same position, or of one who has been absent from duty by a leave of absence for a full year, and who does not return to school at the expiration of said year, shall cease; and it shall be the duty of the Auditing Clerk to see that the names of such teachers are dropped from the pay-rolls. Salary of teachers failing of confirmation to cease. Salary of teachers absent for more than a year to cease.

Primary and Grammar Schools.

SECTION 167. The salary of a master shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding five years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the sixth and each subsequent year of service. The salary of a sub-master shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding seven years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the eighth and each subsequent year of service. The salary of a first assistant in Grammar Schools shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service with an annual increase during the succeeding five years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the sixth and each subsequent year of service. The salary of an assistant shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service with an annual increase during the succeeding eight years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the ninth and each subsequent year of service. Primary and Grammar Schools.

The salary of a first assistant in Primary Schools shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding two years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the third and each subsequent year of service.

Latin and High Schools.

Latin and High Schools.

SECTION 168. The salaries of the instructors of the several ranks in the Latin and High Schools, except those of head-master, master, junior-master, and assistant principal, shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding nine years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the tenth and each subsequent year of service. The salaries of junior-masters shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding eleven years, so that the maximum rate, with the rank of master, shall be reached for the twelfth and each subsequent year of service. The salaries of assistant principals in mixed High Schools shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding three years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the fourth and each subsequent year of service.

Normal School.

SECT. 169. The salary of the master shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding five years, so that the maximum salary shall be reached for the sixth and each subsequent year of service. The salary of assistants shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding eight years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the ninth and each subsequent year of service. The salaries of the instructors of the several ranks in the Training School shall be the same as those for the same ranks in the Grammar Schools. The salaries of assistants in the Training School Kindergarten shall be the same as those of assistants in the other Kindergartens.

Evening Schools and Evening Drawing Schools.

Evening Schools; Evening Drawing Schools.

SECTION 170. The salaries of the head-master of the Evening High School, and of the assistants in the Evening Drawing Schools, shall be established at a minimum rate per evening for the first year of service, with an annual increase per evening during the succeeding two years, so that the maximum rate per evening shall be reached for the third and each subsequent year of service. The salaries of principals of the Evening Drawing Schools

shall be established at a minimum rate per evening for the first year of service, with a maximum rate per evening for the second and each subsequent year of service. The salaries shall be allowed for each evening of actual service.

SECT. 171. The salaries of the assistants in the Evening High School, of the principals, first assistants, and assistants in the Evening Elementary Schools, and of the masters of the Evening Drawing Schools, shall be at a fixed rate per evening of actual service.

Special Instructors.

Special instructors.

SECTION 172. The salaries of directors and instructors of special subjects, and of all teachers in special schools, unless otherwise provided for, shall be fixed by the Board annually in the month of June.

Substitutes and Temporary Teachers.

Rule for finding compensation of substitutes and temporary teachers.

SECTION 173. Substitutes shall be paid by the teachers in whose places they are employed. The compensation of substitutes and temporary teachers shall be determined by the following rule unless otherwise ordered by the Board: Divide the annual salary of the instructor, in whose place the substitute is employed, or the maximum salary of the position in the case of a temporary teacher, by *four hundred*, and the quotient will be the compensation for each school day of actual service — one-session days being reckoned in the Primary and Grammar Schools as full days.

One-session days.

Kindergartens.

Kindergartens.

SECTION 174. The salaries of the instructors in Kindergartens shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding four years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the fifth and each subsequent year of service.

Manual Training Schools.

Assistants of Manual Training Schools.

SECTION 175. The salaries of assistants in Manual Training Schools shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding four years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the fifth and each subsequent year of service.

Schools of Cookery.

Schools of Cookery.

SECTION 176. The salary of instructors in Schools of Cookery, except the principal, shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding eight years, so that the

maximum rate shall be reached for the ninth and each subsequent year of service.

Horace Mann School for the Deaf.

Horace Mann School.

SECTION 177. The salary of assistant principal in the Horace Mann School for the Deaf shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase for the four succeeding years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the fifth and each subsequent year of service. The salaries of assistants in that school shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding seven years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the eighth and each subsequent year of service.

Mechanic Arts High School.

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SECTION 178. The salaries of the teachers in the Mechanic Arts High School, excepting those of head-master and master, shall be established as follows: For junior-master, at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding eleven years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the twelfth and each subsequent year of service; for instructor, at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding seven years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the eighth and each subsequent year of service; for assistant instructor, at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding nine years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the tenth and each subsequent year of service; for instructor in metal working, at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding thirteen years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the fourteenth and each subsequent year of service.

CHAPTER XIV.

Examination of Pupils.

Board of Supervisors shall decide what pupils shall receive diplomas.

SECTION 183. Annually, in the month of June, the principals of the Grammar, Latin, High, and Normal Schools shall report to the Board of Supervisors, on a suitable blank, the standing in conduct and scholarship of the members of the graduating grades and classes, with their recommendations as to the granting of diplomas. The Board of Supervisors shall decide what pupils shall receive diplomas.

Grammar School diplomas shall be awarded to all regular members of the ninth grade whose scholarship is at least passable, and whose conduct has been good. The Grammar School diplomas shall entitle the holders thereof to admission to the High Schools, but those pupils whose scholarship is only passable shall be admitted on probation, the probation to close at or near the end of the school year, only such of these pupils being retained as in the opinion of the principal and of the Board of Supervisors are able to pursue the course of study with advantage to themselves and without detriment to the school. The Secretary shall send to each principal of a Grammar School the names of such of his pupils as are to be admitted to the High Schools unconditionally and on probation; and to the several principals of the High Schools the list of those that are entitled to an unconditional admission to the High Schools, and to an admission on probation.

Award of diplomas.

Admission of pupils to High Schools.

Diplomas of graduation from all the schools shall be signed by the President of the Board and the principal of the school, except that diplomas awarded to pupils in the Evening Drawing Schools shall be signed by the President of the Board and the Master of Evening Drawing Schools. The diplomas shall be presented at the graduating exercises, by the Visitor, and in his or her absence by any other member of the Board, the Superintendent, a Supervisor, or the Principal.

Diplomas, how signed.

Presentation of diplomas.

SECT. 184. Annually, in the month of June, the principals of the Grammar Schools shall report to the Board of Supervisors on a suitable blank, the scholarship of the members of the third grades, with their recommendations as to promotion to the Grammar Schools. The Board of Supervisors shall decide what pupils shall be promoted. Under the direction of the Board of Supervisors, promotions from the Primary to the Grammar Schools may also be made on the first Monday in February by the supervisor assigned to those schools in consultation with the principals thereof. Promotions of individual pupils may be made at any time by the principal of the district with the approval of the supervisor in charge.

Examination of third grades of the Primary Schools.

Promotions from Primary to Grammar Schools.

SECT. 185. The Superintendent shall determine the proper standards to be attained by each grade and class in the several studies of the authorized course, and the best methods to be pursued in reaching them. The principals of schools shall use the general methods of instruction which are approved by the School Committee, referring all questions of interpretation which may arise to the Superintendent.

Standards to be attained by each class.

SECT. 186. The Superintendent shall have power to order a special written examination of any class or grade

Special examinations.

in the schools whenever he thinks it necessary. In schools of like grade, written examinations shall be conducted at the same time in each study, and with the same questions.

CHAPTER XV.

Duties of the Principals.

Printed proceedings of Board to be official notice.

Special copies of Rules and Regulations.

SECTION 190. Principals shall see that every teacher appointed in their schools or districts is supplied with a copy of the Rules and Regulations. The printed proceedings of the Board shall be sent regularly to the principals of schools, who shall consider them official notices of the action of the Board, and shall be governed accordingly. Principals shall immediately inform the teachers under their charge of any amendments to the Rules and Regulations which relate to the duties of the teachers, and shall see that such amendments are properly noted in the special copies of the Rules and Regulations placed in the different school buildings under their charge.

Monthly report.

Opinion on substitutes, etc.

Service of truant officers.

Preparation, signed.

SECT. 191. Each principal shall make a monthly report to the Superintendent, on blanks furnished for the purpose, on or before the fifth school day of the month following that covered by such report. In these reports the principals shall express their opinion of the teaching and governing ability of such substitutes, temporary teachers, and special assistants as have been employed in the course of the month who have served for terms longer than two weeks. The principals shall also state in these reports whether the services of the truant officers, assigned to their several districts, have been satisfactorily performed during the month covered by the report. The reports shall be prepared under the direction of the principals and signed by them, and shall be kept on file in the office of the Superintendent for the inspection of the members of the Board only.

Principals.

Give instruction.

Supervision.

SECT. 192. The principals of the Grammar Schools shall perform the duties of their office in the Grammar and Primary Schools, and in the Kindergartens of their respective districts. They shall have the special charge of the ninth grades. They shall give an average of at least two hours a day to instruction in their schools. They shall devote the remainder of their time to the general duties of their office, and to the supervision of the Primary Schools and the Kindergartens of their district, each of which they shall visit at least once a week.

Returns.

SECT. 193. During the first week in February and in July in each year each principal shall, on blanks furnished

for the purpose, make to the Superintendent returns of the number of pupils.

Notice of appointment of teachers.

SECT. 194. Each principal, within one week after the appointment of a teacher, shall send to the Auditing Clerk the full name of such teacher, with the date of entering upon the duties of the office; he shall also give immediate notice to the Auditing Clerk when any teacher has been transferred to another school or district, or has resigned or been removed.

Of teachers transferred.

Report cases of corporal punishment.

SECT. 195. Every principal shall require all subordinate teachers in his school or district to report to him, at the close of each day, all cases of corporal punishment, stating the name of the pupil, the amount of the punishment, and the reason for its infliction.

Suspension of pupils.

SECT. 196. A principal may suspend a pupil from school for violent and pointed opposition to authority in any particular instance, or when the example of the pupil is very injurious, and in cases where reformation appears to be hopeless; but he shall immediately inform the Superintendent, and the parent or guardian, of his action. If any pupil so suspended shall make a satisfactory apology to the teacher or to the principal as the latter shall direct, and give promise of amendment, he shall, with the consent of the Superintendent, be reinstated in the school.

Apology.

Rules for the yard, etc.

SECT. 197. Each principal shall prescribe such rules for the use of the yards and out-buildings as shall insure their being kept in a neat and proper condition; he shall examine them as often as may be necessary for that purpose; he shall be held responsible for any want of cleanliness on the premises; and when anything is out of order he shall give immediate notice thereof to the School-house Agent. Each principal shall give such instructions to his assistants as will prepare them to act prudently and promptly in case of a fire in the school building; and he shall so train the pupils that, at a given signal, they will leave the school-house in order and speedily. The fire-alarm signal shall be given at least once each month from September to April. Each principal shall see that the outside doors of all the school buildings of his district are kept unlocked during school hours.

Fire.

Outside doors of school buildings to be kept unlocked.

Janitors.

SECT. 198. The principals shall, under the direction of the Committee on School Houses, have the control of the janitors, and shall see that the rules for their government are enforced. Janitors shall be required to use extraordinary precautions against fire, especially when the pupils are in the building. The principals shall inform the chairman of the Committee on School Houses of any neglect of duty or any improper conduct on the part of the janitors.

Fire.

Charges or complaints.

SECT. 199. All complaints from parents or guardians

shall be referred to the principal in charge of the school or district. The principals shall patiently hear and impartially investigate any charges or complaints which may be preferred by parents or others against teachers in their respective schools or districts, and shall use their best endeavors to redress any real grievances.

Washington's Birthday.

Decoration Day.

SECT. 200. Annually on the last session of the school day next preceding the 22d of February and the 30th of May, the principals shall assemble the pupils of the High and Grammar Schools for such patriotic exercises as they may deem advisable.

Services of truant officer.

SECT. 201. Whenever, in the opinion of the principal, the work of the truant officer assigned to his district is not satisfactorily performed, the principal shall notify the chief truant officer of the fact.

Inventory of gifts to be kept by principals.

SECT. 202. Principals shall keep, in books furnished for the purpose, a complete inventory of such gifts, such as pictures, casts, books, apparatus, etc., as may be in the possession, or as may hereafter come into the possession, of the schools under their charge. Said books shall always be open to the inspection of the members of the Board and its officers. Paintings, engravings, casts, photographs, etc., intended for the adornment of the rooms of the public schools, shall first be approved by the Director of Drawing, before they are placed upon the walls of the school buildings.

Paintings, etc., to be approved by the Director of Drawing.

CHAPTER XVI.

General Regulations of the Public Schools.

School year.

SECTION 206. The school year shall commence with the first day of September in each year, and there shall be two terms each year for the regular work in the schools; the first term beginning with the Tuesday following the first Monday in September, and the second term with the first Monday in February.

School buildings not to be for used other than school work.

SECT. 207. No school building or part of a school building shall be used for other purposes than the work of the school, unless the consent of the Board shall have been first obtained.

Copy of Rules and Regulations to be kept in each school building.

SECT. 208. In every school building there shall be placed an interleaved copy of the Rules and Regulations, which shall always be open to the teachers of the building. It shall be the duty of some teacher — to be designated by the principal in charge — to carefully note in said copy all amendments passed by the Board. All teachers of the public schools are required to make themselves familiar with these Regulations, especially with such

Teachers to observe the Regulations.

as relate to their individual duties, and to the instruction and discipline of their own schools, and are also required to see that the Regulations are faithfully observed.

SECT. 209. The teachers shall punctually observe the hours appointed for opening and dismissing the schools, and during school hours shall faithfully devote themselves to their duties. In all intercourse with their pupils they shall strive to impress on their minds, both by precept and example, the great importance of earnest efforts for improvement in morals, manners, and deportment, as well as in useful learning. General duties.

SECT. 210. The sessions of the Normal, Latin, and High Schools shall begin at nine o'clock A.M. and close at two o'clock P.M., every week-day except Saturday, when there shall be no session. The morning session of the Grammar and Primary Schools shall begin at nine o'clock and close at twelve o'clock, with a recess of twenty minutes for every pupil when one-half of the session has expired. The afternoon session shall begin at two o'clock and close at four o'clock, with a recess of ten minutes in the Primary Schools, except that from the first Monday in November, to and including the last Friday in January, the afternoon session may begin at half-past one o'clock, and close at half-past three o'clock. *Provided*, that teachers may detain pupils in the afternoon only, not exceeding thirty minutes after the regular hour for dismissing school, either for purposes of discipline or to make up imperfect lessons; but no pupil shall be detained except for his own fault or neglect. The time employed by the pupils in passing out from and reëntering the school buildings shall be included in the time assigned for recess; there shall be as little delay as possible in reëntering the school building after recess. If a recess in the open air is impracticable, the pupils shall be exercised in the school-room. No variation of the school hours required by this section shall be made. School hours. Recess. After school. Recess.

SECT. 211. When the schools are to be suspended for the afternoon, on account of stormy weather, the Superintendent shall cause three single strokes 1 — 1 — 1 — with twenty seconds intermission between each, to be struck and repeated by the fire-alarm telegraph, at a quarter before twelve o'clock; and the Primary Schools shall be dismissed at twelve o'clock, and the Grammar Schools at one o'clock. One session.

SECT. 212. All the school-rooms shall be opened, and the teachers shall be present, both morning and afternoon, *fifteen minutes* before the time for the session to begin. Fifteen minutes before school.

SECT. 213. The morning exercises of all the schools shall begin with the reading in each class-room, by the Morning exercises.

teacher, of a portion of Scripture without note or comment; and no other religious exercises shall be allowed in the public schools.

Good morals.

SECT. 214. Good morals being of the highest importance to the pupils, and essential to their progress in useful knowledge, instruction therein shall be given in all the schools. It shall be the duty of the instructors to secure good conduct and proper deportment on the part of their pupils, both in school and out, and especially in going to and returning from school.

Conduct of pupils in school and out.

Register.

SECT. 215. In every school shall be kept a register, in which shall be recorded the names, ages, dates of admission, and places of residence of the pupils; and in addition to this, other records shall be kept of the absence and tardiness of the pupils, and of their class exercises, which shall show their advancement and standing.

Records.

Books and blanks.

SECT. 216. Applications shall be made for school registers, books for records, blanks for monthly reports, and stationery, to the Committee on Supplies, who will furnish what is required to all the schools.

Teachers may visit other schools.

SECT. 217. Teachers may visit other schools once every three months to observe their methods of discipline and instruction, and any class, grade or school may be dismissed for this purpose by the principal, with the consent of the Superintendent. Notice of the closing of the schools for this purpose shall be sent by the principals to the supervisors in charge.

Corporal punishment.

SECT. 218. All instructors shall endeavor to maintain such discipline in their schools as is exercised by a kind and judicious parent in his family, avoiding corporal punishment in all cases where good order can be preserved by milder measures; and in no case resorting to confinement in a closet or wardrobe, or to any cruel or unusual punishment. Corporal punishment shall be inflicted only after the nature of the offence has been fully explained to the pupil, shall not be inflicted in sight of other pupils, and shall be restricted to blows on the hand with a rattan. At the close of the day each instructor shall report in writing to the principal all cases of corporal punishment during such day, stating the name of the pupil, the amount of the punishment, and the reason for its infliction; and the principal shall mention the number of such cases in his monthly report to the Superintendent. The reports of cases of corporal punishment required by Sections 195 and 218 shall be made on blanks prepared for the purpose, and shall be preserved on file by the principal of each district for two years, at the end of which time they shall be destroyed. These reports shall be open to the inspection of members of the Board, the Superintendent, and

Report all cases.

the supervisors. Corporal punishment shall not be inflicted upon girls in Grammar Schools, or upon any pupils in the High Schools. Of girls in Grammar Schools forbidden.

SECT. 219. Whenever a pupil has left school, intending not to return, or when a pupil has been absent one month, and the teacher finds on inquiry that there is no probability of an immediate return, the teacher shall take the name of such pupil from the list; but the previous absence shall remain recorded. The name of a pupil who is suspended from school, under any rule of the Board, shall be taken from the list. Any pupil shall be recorded as absent who has not been in school at least one-half of the session. Absence.

SECT. 220. Teachers shall give vigilant attention to the ventilation and temperature of their school-rooms, both in winter and in summer, and see that the air of the rooms is effectually changed at each recess and at the end of each school session. Temperature and ventilation.

SECT. 221. The teachers shall so arrange the daily exercises in their classes that every pupil shall have, each forenoon and afternoon, some kind of physical exercise. Physical exercise.

SECT. 222. No instructor shall be allowed to sell, or keep for sale, any books, stationery, or other articles required for use in the schools. Teachers not allowed to sell books, etc.

SECT. 223. No teacher shall keep a private school, or teach in any public school other than that in which he is regularly employed, or instruct private pupils before six o'clock P.M., except on Saturdays or during vacations, or edit any newspaper, or any religious or political periodical. Teachers not to keep private schools or edit newspaper, etc.

SECT. 224. Teachers shall not award diplomas or prizes to their pupils, or receive any present of money or other property from them. No contribution for any purpose shall be permitted in any public school. Prizes and presents. Contributions.

SECT. 225. No advertisement shall be read to the pupils of any school on the premises thereof, or be posted on the walls or fences of any school building; and no agent or other person shall be permitted to enter any school premises for the purpose of exhibiting, either to teachers or pupils, any book or article offered for sale. No lists of pupils shall be given by teachers to any person not an officer of the Board. Advertisement. Agents. List of pupils.

SECT. 226. The books used and the studies pursued in all the public schools shall be such only as are authorized by the Board, and under the provisions of Section 38; and the teachers shall not permit any unauthorized publications to be distributed in their schools, or placed in their libraries. Every teacher shall be at liberty to use such books or cards as he may deem desirable for the purpose of illustration or for examples; but such books or cards shall not Authorized books and studies.

be used as text-books or to the exclusion or neglect of the prescribed text-books, nor shall any pupil be required to furnish himself with any book for use in the schools.

Who may attend school.

SECT. 227. All children living in the city, who are three and one-half years of age and upwards, and are not disqualified by non-compliance with the Regulations of the Board, shall be entitled to attend the public schools; but neither a non-resident pupil, nor one who has only a temporary residence in the city, shall be allowed to enter or to remain in any school, unless the parent, guardian, or some other responsible person has signed an agreement to pay the tuition of such pupil, or until a certified copy of a vote of the Committee on Accounts, permitting such pupil to attend the school, has been transmitted to the principal. The principals shall, at the commencement of each term, on blanks furnished for the purpose, send to the Committee on Accounts the names of such pupils, and of their parents or guardians, with their places of residence. And it shall be the duty of that committee each term to make out bills for tuition, and transmit the same to the City Collector for collection.

Non-resident pupils.

Bills for tuition.

Suspensions.

SECT. 228 No pupil who has been expelled from or is under suspension in one school shall be admitted to another, except by consent of the Board.

Certificate of transfer.

SECT. 229. A certificate of transfer shall be required of pupils moving from one school district to another. Pupils regularly discharged from one school shall be admitted to the same grade of any other school, which they are entitled to attend, upon presenting their certificates of transfer. In every case of transfer two cards shall be given, one to the pupil and one to the truant officer.

Vaccination.

SECT. 230. No pupil shall be admitted to any of the public schools without a certificate of a physician that such pupil has been vaccinated, or a certificate signed by a regular practising physician that such child is an unfit subject for vaccination; but this certificate shall not be required of pupils who are transferred from one public school to another. In the case of all admissions of pupils for the first time to the public schools the principals shall make a record in some book, accessible for reference, of the fact that certificates of vaccination, or certificates that the pupils are unfit subjects for vaccination, have been presented, giving the name of each pupil, the date of admission, and the name and residence of the physician by whom the certificate is signed. No child sick with the whooping-cough shall be allowed to attend school; nor shall any child be allowed to attend any school in this city while any member of the household to which such child belongs is sick with small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or

Record of certificates of vaccination to be kept.

Whooping-cough.

measles, or during a period of two weeks after the death, recovery, or removal of such sick person, such length of time being certified to in writing to a teacher by a physician or by the Board of Health. Whenever, by reason of the structure of tenement or other dwelling houses, families live in close contact with one another, so as to be practically as one family, the teachers and officers of the School Board shall regard such houses in which the families do not live apart, or are not removed from contagion, as one household, within the meaning of Chapter 64 of the Laws of 1884, and the acts in addition thereto. When children are absent from school on account of sickness, and whenever the principal has reason to suspect the existence of contagious diseases in any household, he shall be authorized to exclude pupils from school until the cases can be properly investigated. Pupils shall not be sent during school hours to the houses of absent pupils to ascertain the reasons for such absence. The principal of any school, upon the receipt of information satisfactory to him that any pupil attending a school under his charge has visited a household where, at the time of such visit, small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or measles existed, shall suspend such pupil from school for a period of two weeks next following such visit.

Contagious diseases.

Pupils not to be sent for absent pupils.

Sect. 231. Every pupil must come to school cleanly in his person and dress, and with his clothes in proper repair; in case of neglect in this respect it shall be the duty of the teacher to send him home to be suitably prepared for school.

Cleanliness.

Sect. 232. Tardiness, unless satisfactorily explained, shall be subject to a proper penalty. No pupil shall be absent a part of any session for the purpose of receiving instruction elsewhere; nor shall a pupil leave before the close of school without the consent of the teacher. Pupils shall not be considered tardy if they are within the school building at the hour of the beginning of the session. Pupils detained from school or coming late should present an excuse, but they should not be sent home for such excuse. In notifying the truant officer of the need of his services, the teachers shall use the truant cards and truant blanks only, on which the details in each case shall be clearly stated.

Tardiness.

Absence.

Excuse.

Truants.

Sect. 233. The third week in May shall be public week in all the schools. The exercises on these days shall be of the same general character as the ordinary exercises of the schools, and shall be conducted in such a way as to enable the parents and other visitors to judge of the attainments of the pupils in the studies pursued during the year.

Public week.

Sect. 234. There shall be graduating exercises of the

Graduating exercises.

Grammar Schools during the week preceding the fourth of July, and of the High Schools at such times during the same week as the Board may direct, due notice of which shall be given to the members by the Secretary. The pupils' part in the graduating exercises shall not occupy more than one hour, and shall consist of singing, reading, and such other exercises of a simple kind as grow naturally out of the studies pursued during the year. With the exception of singing, the graduating exercises in all the schools shall be confined to the graduating grades and classes, and no public exhibition of proficiency in music, drawing, physical exercises, military drill, or other special study shall be given by all or a part of the schools, without the consent of the Board.

Length.

Other exhibitions.

Annual Festival.

SECT. 235. The Annual Festival, complimentary to the medal and diploma scholars, shall be held at such time and place as the Board shall determine, under the direction of a committee of five members of the Board, to be appointed at the first meeting in April.

Holidays and vacations.

SECT. 236. The following holidays and vacations shall be granted to the schools, viz.: every Saturday; the first Monday in September; the half day before Thanksgiving day and the remainder of the week; the half day before Christmas day; one week, commencing with Christmas day; New Year's day; the Twenty-second of February; Good Friday; the Nineteenth of April; the week immediately preceding the second Monday in April; Decoration day; the Seventeenth of June; and to the Primary Schools from the Friday preceding the week of graduating exercises in the schools; and to the Normal, High, and Grammar Schools from their respective graduating exercises to the Tuesday following the first Monday in September. The President of the Board is authorized to suspend the schools, not exceeding six sessions, in each municipal year. No other holiday shall be allowed except by vote of three-fourths of the members of the Board present; and no school shall be suspended on any other occasion, except for important reasons peculiar to that school, and then only by express permission of the Superintendent.

CHAPTER XVII.

Regulations of the Kindergartens.

Kindergartens.

SECTION 240. The Kindergartens shall be under the charge of the Director of Kindergartens under the supervision and control of the Superintendent, and in them instruction shall be given to children of three and one-half years of age and upwards. The sessions of these schools

Sessions.

shall be such as the Board shall determine, which shall also prescribe the course of instruction.

Instructors to visit homes of pupils.

SECT. 241. Instructors of Kindergartens shall regularly devote their afternoons to visiting in the families of the districts, for the purpose of securing the interest and co-operation of the parents in Kindergarten work, and of promoting regularity of attendance. If any child is absent for three successive days, the instructor shall ascertain the cause of absence by making a visit to the child's home. No corporal punishment nor physical restraint of any kind shall be used in a Kindergarten.

Instructors to be under authority of principals of Grammar Schools.

SECT. 242. Instructors of Kindergartens shall make reports to, and be under the care and direction of, the principals of the school districts in which they may be placed, who shall include in their monthly reports to the Superintendent such information as may be called for. The instructors shall be visited and reported upon by the supervisors; and in general shall be subject to the Rules and Regulations so far as applicable to them.

Promotion of pupils to Primary Schools.

SECT. 243. Pupils not qualified for admission to any Primary School shall take the course in the Kindergartens. Any pupil in the Kindergartens, deemed by the principal of the district qualified for promotion, may be promoted to a Primary School before the end of the year, with the consent of the Superintendent.

CHAPTER XVIII.

Regulations of the Primary Schools.

Classification of schools.

SECTION 245. The pupils in the Primary Schools shall be divided into three grades, and each grade may be subdivided, as its numbers may require. The schools in each district shall be graded under the direction of the principal. The lowest grade in the Primary Schools shall be designated the first grade.

Admission.

SECT. 246. Children shall be admitted to those schools which are the most convenient for them to attend, and for which they are qualified, provided such schools are not already full; and in all cases of doubt or difficulty in respect to the admission of pupils, the teacher shall apply to the principal for advice and direction. Teachers of the first grade, with the permission of the Superintendent, may decline to receive pupils after October 31 or March 31, in each year, or whenever the number of pupils shall exceed fifty-six; but a record shall be kept by each teacher of the names and residences of all applicants who have been refused admission, so that the Superintendent may know

First grade.

Record.

the number of children requiring school accommodations. Applicants shall be admitted in the order of application.

Promotions.

SECT. 247. The regular promotion of pupils from grade to grade shall be made on the Tuesday following the first Monday in September and on the first Monday in February. Promotions of individual pupils may be made at any time by the principal of the district, with the approval of the supervisor in charge.

Course of study.

SECT. 248. The course of study shall be for three years, and shall be arranged by the Superintendent and approved by the Board.

CHAPTER XIX.

Regulations of the Grammar Schools.

Districts.

SECTION 251. The city shall be divided into districts, comprising a Grammar School, a certain number of Primary Schools, and a Kindergarten, or Kindergartens, as the Board shall designate, each district taking the name of the Grammar School.

Special permits.

SECT. 252. No pupil shall be admitted to or retained in any grammar school except that of the district in which such pupil lives, without the written consent of the Superintendent.

Division into grades.

SECTION 253. The pupils in the Grammar Schools shall be divided into six grades, and each grade may be subdivided as its numbers may require. The lowest grade in these schools shall be designated the fourth grade.

Courses of study.

The course of study shall be for either four or six years, and shall be arranged by the Superintendent and approved by the Board. If any division complete the course of study assigned to its grade previous to the regular time for promotion, it may, with the approval of the principal, begin upon the text-books prescribed for the next higher grade.

Out-of-school lessons.

SECT. 254. Lessons to be learned out of school shall be such as a pupil of good capacity can learn in an hour's study at most, and shall not be required from the pupils in the Primary Schools, or in the Grammar Schools below the seventh grade, and no such lessons shall be required during the month of June, except from pupils of the ninth grade. Lessons to be studied in school shall not be such as to require a pupil of ordinary capacity to study out of school to learn them.

Ungraded classes.

SECT. 255. No pupil shall be placed in an ungraded class for misconduct. Sewing shall be taught in any ungraded class of girls, if the Superintendent and principal deem it expedient. Any Primary pupil, over eight years of age, may be removed to an ungraded class by the principal.

Sewing.

SECT. 256. Instruction in sewing may be extended into other grades of the Grammar Schools than those provided for in the course of study, by the Board, on the recommendation of the Superintendent. Extension of instruction in sewing.

SECT. 257. It shall be the duty of the principals to superintend the organization of all the grades of the Grammar Schools. No pupil who is qualified for admission to a High School shall, without the consent of the Superintendent, be allowed to remain in the ninth grade of a Grammar School after the close of the year in which he was a member of such grade. Organization. Graduates.

SECT. 258. In the arrangement of the studies and recitations in the Grammar Schools, those which most severely task the pupils shall, as far as practicable, be assigned to the forenoon. Forenoon studies.

SECT. 259. No books of reference belonging to any public school shall be kept out of the school-house during school hours. The master shall be responsible for all the books of reference, globes, maps, and charts of his school, and shall annually, in the month of September, make a correct return of the same to the Committee on Supplies. Books of reference.

CHAPTER XX.

Regulations of the Latin and High Schools.

SECTION 263. The general Regulations of the Public Schools, Chapter XVI., so far as they are applicable, are required to be enforced in all the Latin and High Schools. Latin and High Schools.

SECT. 264. The course of study for the Latin Schools shall be for six years, and shall be arranged by the Superintendent, and approved by the Board. Course of study.

SECT. 265. Graduates of the Grammar Schools to whom diplomas have been awarded shall be admitted to the Latin Schools, without examination, or to such advanced classes thereof as their qualifications may entitle them to enter. Other applicants for admission shall be at least eleven years of age, and shall present certificates of character from the principals of the schools they last attended, and pass an examination equivalent to that required for admission to the seventh grade of the Grammar Schools, on the third Saturday in June, and on the Tuesday following the first Monday in September, the questions for such examinations to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Candidates for admission to the Latin Schools must present a written statement from parents or guardians of their intention to give such candidates a collegiate education. Admission of graduates of Grammar Schools. Other applicants.

SECT. 266. The course of study for the High Schools shall be for three years, and shall be arranged by the Superin- Course of study; three years.

Advanced course.

tendent and approved by the Board. An advanced course of one year more for such pupils as have completed the three years' course shall be arranged by the Superintendent and approved by the Board.

Examination of applicants for admission to High Schools.

SECT. 267. The examination of applicants for admission to the High Schools who are not graduates of the Grammar Schools shall take place on the third Friday and Saturday in June, and on the Tuesday and Wednesday following the first Monday in September, and shall be conducted at the same time in each study, and with the same questions, which shall be adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Applicants shall present certificates of good character from the principals of the schools they last attended, and shall pass a satisfactory examination which shall be equivalent to that required for graduation from the Grammar Schools.

Certificates of character.

Members not graduates of Grammar Schools.

SECT. 268. Pupils who are members, but not graduates, of Grammar Schools, or who have been members of such schools at any time within the current municipal year, shall not be admitted to an examination for admission to any High School; *provided*, that boys who have attained the age of fourteen, and girls who have attained the age of fifteen, though members, but not graduates, of Grammar Schools, may be examined at the appointed time, and admitted, if qualified; and the principals shall grant, or, for sufficient reason, decline to grant, the required certificate of good character.

Age for admission.

SECT. 269. Pupils under the age of thirteen years shall not be admitted to any High School without special permission of the Superintendent.

Admission of pupils to schools in any district.

SECT. 270. The Superintendent shall admit pupils eligible for High School instruction to a High School, in any district other than that in which they reside, the same having been first designated by their parents or guardians, in a written communication to him, and no pupil shall be transferred from one High School to another, except by his permission.

Certificates of proficiency.

SECT. 271. The Board of Supervisors may grant certificates of proficiency to such pupils in the Latin and High Schools as have satisfactorily completed a part of the authorized course of study. These certificates shall be signed by the Superintendent and the principal of the school.

Diplomas.

SECT. 272. Pupils who have completed the course of study in the Latin or High Schools to the satisfaction of the Board of Supervisors, shall be entitled to a diploma, and those who have completed the advanced course in the High Schools to an additional diploma on the same condition.

SECT. 273. Whenever any question is raised, under the Regulations of the Board, in regard to the admission of an applicant, it shall be decided by the Superintendent. Questions to be decided by Superintendent.

SECT. 274. Instruction in military drill shall be given in the Latin and High Schools, under the charge of a special drill officer, to all boys of good physical condition, who are thirteen years old, or more. The time occupied in drill shall not exceed two hours in each week. Military drill.

CHAPTER XXI.

Regulations of the Boston Normal School.

SECTION 280. The Boston Normal School is established for the purpose of giving professional instruction to the young women who intend to become teachers in the public schools of Boston. The course of study in this school shall be for two years, and shall be divided into four terms of half a year each. Boston Normal School. Course of study.

SECT. 281. Candidates for admission must be at least eighteen years of age, unless an exception is made by the Superintendent, and must be recommended for admission by the master of the last school they attended. Those who have completed the fourth year of the High School course, and those who shall have received from a university or college, which shall be approved by the Superintendent conjointly with the head-master, a degree or certificate of graduation, will be admitted without examination. Those who shall have received from a university or college, from a State Normal School, or from such other institutions as give pedagogical instruction, approved by the Superintendent conjointly with the head-master, a degree or certificate of graduation, may be admitted to the first class if they prove to be qualified, and may take the kindergarten course or any of the other optional courses in one year. Other candidates must show to the Superintendent conjointly with the head-master, both by examination and recommendation, that they are qualified. Pupils shall be admitted to this school for the regular and special courses only at the beginning of a school year. All pupils shall be put on probation, and as soon as, in the opinion of the Board of Supervisors and the head-master, they prove unsuitable for this school, shall be discharged. Candidates for admission. Examination for admission. Probation.

SECT. 282. Pupils who fail of promotion or graduation may join the following class; but no pupil shall repeat the work of any class more than once. Pupils failing of promotion.

SECT. 283. A diploma of graduation from the Normal School, issued after the year 1872, shall entitle the holder to receive a certificate of qualification, Grammar School, Certificates of qualification.

Preference to graduates as teachers.

Class B; but those who take the kindergarten course shall be entitled to receive certificates of qualification as teachers of the Kindergartens and Primary Schools only. When teachers are to be employed in the public schools, graduates of this school shall have the preference, other things being equal.

Text-books.

SECT. 284. The text-books used in this school shall be such of the text-books used in the other public schools of the city as are needed for the course of study, and such others as shall be authorized by the Board.

School year.

SECT. 285. This school shall begin on the Wednesday following the first Monday in September; and shall close on such day of the week preceding the Fourth of July as the Board may direct.

Report of head-master.

Catalogue.

SECT. 286. The head-master shall annually make a report to the Superintendent, which, under their direction, shall, in whole or in part, be printed, with a catalogue of the school, and be sent to the members of the School Committee and the Board of Supervisors, the principals of schools, and the members of the graduating classes of High Schools.

Visits of head-masters or assistants.

SECT. 287. When a graduate of this school is appointed as teacher in any public school of this city, it shall be the duty of the head-master to make, or cause to be made by his assistants, one or more visits to her school for the purpose of criticism and suggestions in regard to her teaching.

Instruction of teachers.

Instructiou in music and drawing.

SECT. 288. Such instruction shall be given, in connection with the Normal School, to teachers in the employ of the city, as the Superintendent may direct. Special instruction in music and drawing shall be given in this school, under the direction of the Directors of these departments.

Training teachers.

Visits of Normal pupils.

SECT. 289. The Superintendent shall, in the month of September of each year, after consultation with the principals of schools, designate a sufficient number of the teachers in the public schools — the number to be not less than fifty — to act as training teachers. The head-master shall send the Normal pupils into the Training School and into the rooms of the other training teachers for observation and practice in teaching, under his direction, four weeks during the second term, eight weeks during the third term, and four weeks during the fourth term; and he may send them, under proper guidance, to study the Museums of Natural History and Fine Arts, and important manufacturing industries. The principals of schools in which the Normal pupils observe and practise shall report to the head-master, in writing, their opinion of the teaching and governing ability of such pupils. Pupils who take the kindergarten course shall be required to observe and practise in Grammar and Primary Schools only eight weeks.

Other needed observation shall be made in the Kindergartens.

SECT. 290. There shall be a post-graduate course of one year in this school, for the further study of the principles of education and methods of instruction, and for observation and practice in teaching; and pupils attending this course may be employed as substitutes, or temporary teachers, or appointed as permanent teachers. Regular instruction shall be provided for the pupils of the post-graduate class for one term only; but they may attend the instruction given in the other classes for the rest of the year. Post-graduate course.

SECT. 291. The course of study in this school is pursued with special reference to teaching, and is as follows: Course of study.

1. Psychology and Logic.
2. Principles of Education.
3. History of Education.
4. General Theory of the Kindergarten.
5. Methods of Instruction and Discipline.
6. Physiology and Hygiene.
7. The Studies of the Primary and Grammar Schools.
8. Observation and Practice in the Public Schools.
9. Science of Language.
10. Phonics.
11. Gymnastics.
12. Vocal Music.
13. Drawing and Blackboard Illustration.
14. Optional courses designed for the special preparation of teachers in the following departments: (*a*) The Kindergarten; (*b*) Elementary Science; (*c*) Gymnastics; (*d*) Form, Color, and Drawing; (*e*) Vocal Music; (*f*) Cookery; (*g*) Sewing; (*h*) Manual Training. Pupils, with the advice and consent of the head-master, may pursue the study of the Kindergarten during the two years, or any one of the optional courses during the second year. Optional courses.

TRAINING SCHOOL.

SECTION 292. The Rice Training School is intended to give the pupils of the Normal School a practical knowledge of the methods of instruction and discipline in the public schools of Boston. Training School.

SECT. 293. The head-master of the Normal School shall have the direction of the observation, practice, and methods of instruction in the Training School, subject to the approval of the Superintendent. Head-master's powers.

SECT. 294. The principal of the Training School shall perform in that school the usual duties of master of a Principal of Training School.

Grammar School, and such duties in connection with the Normal School as the Superintendent may direct.

Course of study.

SECT. 295. The course of study in the Training School shall be the same as in the Grammar and Primary Schools of the city.

Service in Training school.

SECT. 296. The instructors in the Normal School shall perform such service in the Training School as the head-master may direct.

CHAPTER XXII.

Regulations of Horace Mann School for the Deaf.

School for deaf-mutes.

SECTION 298. This school was established by the Boston School Committee, in coöperation with the State Board of Education, as a day school for deaf children, to whom it may be accessible.

Age of admission.

SECT. 299. Pupils over five years of age are admitted, in accordance with an act passed by the Legislature in 1869 (Public Statutes, Chap. 41, Sect. 16):

"With the approval of the Board [of Education] the Governor may send such deaf-mutes or deaf children as he may deem fit subjects for instruction, at the expense of the Commonwealth, for a term not exceeding ten years in the case of any pupil, to the American Asylum at Hartford, or to the Clarke Institution for Deaf-mutes at Northampton, or any other school for deaf-mutes in this Commonwealth, as the parents or guardians may prefer."

Object of school.

SECT. 300. This school is designed to give an elementary English education, but, as a preparation for this, it must first impart to pupils entering as deaf-mutes the meaning and use of ordinary language. It aims to teach all of its pupils to speak, and to read the speech of others from their lips. The General Regulations of the Public Schools, Chapter XVI., so far as applicable, are to be enforced in this school.

Regulations.

Diploma.

SECT. 301. Pupils who have completed the course of study to the satisfaction of the Board of Supervisors shall be entitled to a diploma.

Session.

SECT. 302. The sessions of this school shall begin at 9 A.M. and close at 2 P.M., on every week day except Saturday, when there shall be no session.

CHAPTER XXIII.

Regulations of the Evening Schools.

SECTION 305. Evening Schools for adults, and such children as are unable to attend the day schools, may be established by the Superintendent with the approval of the Board as follows:

Evening Schools established.

1. One Evening High School for pupils from all parts of the city who are qualified for admission. No pupil shall attend this school who has not passed a satisfactory examination in reading, writing, arithmetic, and geography.

Examination for admission.

2. Elementary Evening Schools may be established, subject to the provisions of paragraph 3.

Establishing of Evening Schools.

3. No Evening School shall be established unless forty pupils have previously pledged themselves to attend the same regularly; and any Evening School shall be discontinued when the average attendance of the preceding month has fallen below thirty.

Discontinuance of Evening Schools.

4. The Superintendent shall have the general charge and supervision of these schools.

SECT. 306. The term of the Evening Schools shall begin on the last Monday in September, and close on the second Friday in March. The two weeks immediately preceding the first school day in January shall be vacation. The sessions of the Evening High School shall begin at half-past seven and close at half-past nine o'clock; the sessions of the Elementary Schools shall begin at seven o'clock and close at nine o'clock, on the five evenings of the week from Monday to Friday, both inclusive, the evenings of legal holidays excepted. The school-rooms shall be open and the teachers shall be present fifteen minutes before the time for the session to begin.

Term of Evening Schools.

Vacation.

Sessions.

SECT. 307. The principal shall be responsible for the general management of the school. The principal of each school, with as many assistants as may be necessary, shall be in attendance at the school-rooms for the examination, registry, and classification of applicants for admission, on such evenings before the beginning of the term as the Superintendent may designate.

Examination, etc., of applicants.

SECT. 308. The principals shall make a monthly report to the Superintendent, on blanks furnished for the purpose, on or before the fifth day of the month following that covered by such report. The principal of each Evening School shall keep an exact record of the attendance of every pupil, and once each month shall report the same to the Superintendent.

Monthly report.

Records.

SECT. 309. No pupil in the day schools shall be admitted to an Evening School except by special permission of the

Admission of pupil.

Superintendent. No person under eighteen years of age shall be received as a pupil in any Evening School until he has stated to the principal thereof what evenings he can probably attend, and has pledged himself to attend upon those evenings as regularly as his circumstances will permit. No pupil shall be admitted to the Evening High School who is unable to attend at least two evenings per week, except by permission of the Superintendent. The principal shall enter the name, address, and the evenings for the attendance of each pupil, in a book kept for the purpose. Any pupil who shall absent himself from the school for three consecutive evenings on which his attendance is due shall be discharged, and shall not be readmitted until he shall have satisfactorily explained his absence. A principal may discharge a pupil for disobedience or improper conduct; and such pupil shall not be reinstated without the consent of the Superintendent.

Discharge of pupil.

Exhibition.

SECT. 310. Public examinations or exhibitions may be held at the close of the season, with the consent of the Superintendent.

Course of study.

SECT. 311. The courses of study for the Evening Schools shall be arranged by the Superintendent and approved by the Board.

Services of truant officers.

SECT. 312. The truant officers, or such of them as may be detailed for the purpose by the Committee on Truant Officers, shall render such service in connection with the Evening Schools as may be required by the Superintendent.

Buildings for Evening Schools.

SECT. 313. The Superintendent shall report to the Board, for approval, such school-houses, or other buildings, as are needed for the use of the Evening Schools.

Regulations.

SECT. 314. The Evening Schools shall be governed by the Regulations of the School Committee other than those contained in this chapter, so far as the same are applicable.

Certificates.

SECT. 315. A certificate for regular and punctual attendance, good deportment, and general proficiency shall be awarded by the Superintendent to pupils in the Evening Schools, at the close of the term. Certificates shall be signed by the Superintendent and the principal. The Board of Supervisors shall award diplomas to such members of the Evening Elementary Schools as shall have passed a satisfactory examination with the questions adopted by the Supervisors.

Certificates and diplomas, Evening High School.

SECT. 316. The Supervisors shall award certificates of proficiency in the different branches of study to such pupils in the Evening High School at the close of the term as shall have passed a satisfactory examination with questions adopted by the Board of Supervisors. A pupil receiving six full certificates, or their equivalent, shall be entitled to a diploma of graduation from the school. Certificates shall be signed by the Superintendent and the principal of the school.

CHAPTER XXIV.

Regulations of the Free Evening Schools for Industrial Drawing.

SECTION 320. Evening Schools for free instruction in industrial drawing, under the direction of the Master of Evening Drawing Schools, may be established in such of the school-houses, — with the consent of the Committee on School Houses, — and in such other places as the Superintendent with the approval of the Board shall from time to time deem expedient. Evening Drawing Schools.

SECT. 321. There shall be one term of the Evening Drawing Schools, beginning on the third Monday in October and continuing for sixty-six working nights. Term.

SECT. 322. The schools shall be opened at half-past seven o'clock, and closed at half-past nine o'clock, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week, the evenings of legal holidays excepted. The rooms shall be open and the teachers present fifteen minutes before the beginning of school hours. Sessions.

SECT. 323. The teachers of each school shall be in attendance at the school buildings, for the examination, registry, and classification of applicants for admission, on such evenings, before the beginning of the term, as the Master may designate. Examination, etc., of applicants.

SECT. 324. No person shall be admitted under the age of fifteen years, or at any time other than the beginning of the term, except by express permission of the Master. Age for admission.

SECT. 325. The Master shall require the principal of each Evening Drawing School to keep an exact record of the attendance of every pupil, and shall notify the Superintendent when the average number of pupils requires the discontinuance of any school, or the dismissal of any teacher. At the end of the term the Master shall make a full report of the attendance in each of the Evening Drawing Schools to the Superintendent. Record of attendance. Discontinuance of school. Report at end of term.

SECT. 326. A teacher may discharge a pupil for disobedience or improper conduct, with the consent of the Superintendent, and shall communicate to the principals of the other Evening Drawing Schools the names of all pupils thus dismissed. No pupil discharged for misconduct shall be admitted to any of the other Evening Drawing Schools, without the consent of the Superintendent. Discharge of pupils.

SECT. 327. A general exhibition shall be held at the close of the term, and diplomas awarded to those pupils who, in the judgment of the Master, have completed the course creditably. The date of the exhibition shall be determined by the Master, and announced in the schools not later than ten days prior to the close of the term. Exhibitions, diplomas.

CHAPTER XXV.

Regulations of the Manual Training Schools.

Manual Training Schools.

Sessions.

Term of schools of cookery.

SECTION 330. These schools are established for the purpose of giving manual instruction to the pupils of the public schools. The morning sessions of these schools shall begin at nine o'clock and close at twelve o'clock; the afternoon sessions shall begin at two o'clock and close at four o'clock. The schools of cookery shall begin on the second Monday in September and close on the first Friday in June.

Classes to be furnished by principals.

SECT. 331. The principals of districts, wherever classes in manual training are established, shall be required to furnish scholars from the grades under their care, the number to be determined by the Superintendent. It shall be their duty also to see that pupils are punctual and regular in their attendance, and are not excused from any lesson without imperative reason. Whenever classes are detained, prompt notice shall be sent to the teachers.

Classes to alternate morning and afternoon.

Pupils to complete the course.

SECT. 332. Pupils of classes in manual training shall attend morning and afternoon sessions alternately, whenever practicable, in order that each pupil shall have an equal amount of instruction. Pupils beginning a course of instruction in manual training shall be required to complete the same, unless excused by the Superintendent. No pupil shall be admitted to classes in domestic economy below the seventh grade, unless permission is given by the Superintendent.

Exhibitions.

SECT. 333. All exhibitions of manual training shall be in charge of the teachers of that department.

Records and report.

SECT. 334. Such records shall be kept, and such reports shall be made to the Superintendent, as he shall prescribe.

CHAPTER XXVI.

Regulations of the Eastburn School Fund.

Eastburn School Fund.

SECTION 337. The interest of the Eastburn School Fund shall be drawn from the city treasury, from time to time, as needed, by the head-master of the Normal School, on the order of the Auditing Clerk, on vote of the Committee on Accounts.

Head-master to expend income.

SECT. 338. The money thus received shall be expended by the head-master, with the approval of the Superintendent, for the benefit of deserving and poor scholars attending the Boston Normal School.

Account of expenditures.

SECT. 339. The head-master shall keep an account of such expenditures, with vouchers, which account shall be open to the inspection of the Board; and a

statement of the expenditures shall be presented to the Committee on Accounts, on the first days of January and July.

Auditing of account of expenditures.

SECT. 340. The head-master's account shall be audited, semi-annually, by the Chairman of the Committee on Accounts, after which the vouchers shall be filed with the Auditing Clerk, and opened only thereafter to the inspection of the Chairman of the Committee on Accounts.

CHAPTER XXVII.

Regulations of the Truant Officers.

Assignment of officers.

SECTION 341. The several school districts having been so grouped together as to make the labors of the officers as nearly equal as possible, each truant officer shall be assigned to one of these groups, and shall be held responsible under these regulations, and such regulations as the Committee on Truant Officers may from time to time prescribe, for the judicious and faithful discharge of the duties of his office. The Committee on Truant Officers shall appoint one of the officers, subject to the approval of the Board, as chief of the truant force. The truant officers shall perform their duties under the direction of the Superintendent.

Chief.

SECT. 342. Each truant officer shall give his whole time to the discharge of the duties of his office, except as may be otherwise provided for vacations by the Committee on Truant Officers. He shall endeavor to procure the attendance at school of all the children of the districts assigned to him who are required by the law to attend school, and especially of such as are not members of any school, visiting them at their homes or places of employment, or looking after them in the streets for this purpose; and he shall, by persuasion and argument, both with the children and their parents or guardians, and by other means than legal compulsion, strive to secure such attendance. He shall, at least once a month, consult the record-book of certificates of attendance issued to pupils, and see that such pupils return to school on the expiration of the certificates, or report the reason for their not returning, to the principal.

Duties of officers.

Occasional absence of pupils.

SECT. 343. The truant officers shall not be employed to inquire into the occasional absence of pupils of the public schools who are not suspected of truancy, or be required to visit those suspended by principals, unless otherwise directed by the Committee on Truant Officers. When their services are requested by the teachers to inquire into the absence of pupils suspected of truancy, the truant officers shall take action in those cases only which are

Blanks.

reported to them with the details properly given on the regular truant cards furnished for the purpose. When the services of an officer are required by a teacher for any purpose other than that recited above, the teacher shall fill out the special blank (Information Card) furnished for the purpose, clearly stating the details and the information desired. These blanks shall be countersigned by the principal of the district, except that the principal may designate one teacher in such school buildings in his district as are located at long distances from the Grammar School, who shall countersign Information Card in place of the principal; a list of such teachers to be sent to the chief and to the officer of the district. The officers shall investigate all cases properly referred to them, and report upon them as soon as possible. They shall note on the back of each truant card and information card the date on which their investigations are completed, and affix their signatures. These cards and blanks shall be returned to the principals, who shall indorse them and forward them once a week to the chief truant officer. Truant officers shall act in those cases only which are referred to them by the teachers, in the manner set forth in this regulation.

To investigate cases referred to them.

SECT. 347. The truant officers shall investigate and report upon cases which may be referred to them, in writing, by any committee or member of the Board, the Superintendent, the chief truant officer, or a principal.

When a child may be arrested.

SECT. 348. When a truant officer shall be unable, in a district assigned to him, to procure the attendance at school, either public or private, of any child who is an habitual truant, or who is required by the provisions of statute law to attend school, it shall be the duty of such officer to file with the chief truant officer a written statement, giving the name, age, and residence of the child, the names of the parents or guardians; and, in case of truancy, the name of the school attended by such child, the name of the teacher, and the number of instances of supposed truancy during the three months immediately preceding the filing of the statement; thereupon the chief truant officer, if in his judgment the case is a proper one for prosecution, shall authorize the application for a warrant for the arrest of such child to a court having jurisdiction.

Reports of scarlet fever, etc.

SECT. 349. The chief truant officer shall obtain daily from the office of the Board of Health the reports of all cases of scarlet fever and other diseases dangerous to the public health, and the several truant officers shall immediately give notice thereof to the principals of the schools or districts assigned to them. Truant officers shall not

visit premises where contagious diseases are believed to exist, unless absolutely necessary.

SECT. 350. Such officers as may be detailed by the chief shall attend the Evening Schools when in session, and shall render such services in connection with those schools as may be required of them by the Superintendent. Service in Evening Schools.

SECT. 351. The Committee on Truant Officers shall make such further regulations for the government of the truant officers in the discharge of their duties as may be necessary. Other regulations.

Mr. Paul moved that the report be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion to lay on the table.

Mr. Paul's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Calderwood, Davison, Gallivan, Paul, and Strange — 6. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bassett, Bateman, Burrill, Coolidge, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Huggan, and Lowell — 12.

Absent or not voting: Mrs. Ames, Mr. Bowdlear, Mr. Hubbard, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. McDonald.

The report was accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Mr. Bassett in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent be requested to investigate and report whether the requirements as to the vaccination of children admitted to the public schools are strictly observed, especially with regard to pupils entering the Kindergartens. Vaccination of children attending public schools.

Mr. Courtney presented the following petition from residents of Wards 18 and 19:

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

Respectfully represent the undersigned that we are personally interested, and petition your Honorable Board to replace the old four-room Primary building on Leon street, Ward 19, Sherwin District, with an eight-room building, according to the recommendation of Petition from citizens of Wards 18 and 19 for additional Primary accommodations.

your committee, and accepted by your Honorable Board in December, 1894.

That we make this request believing that the amount of money ($60,000) asked for of the Legislature, and granted in 1895, by them, for this building, should now be appropriated as recommended. That the necessities of this case have been recognized by you.

That we desire to call to your attention the fact that the Primary building, known as the Walpole-street School, which was located in this district, was burned in the great fire of May, 1894, has never been replaced; that the school accommodations rented, or otherwise, are insufficient and unhealthy, and that of the large amount of money expended in the various parts of the city for the erection of school buildings during the past three years, this section has not received a dollar.

Wherefore your petitioners respectfully request that their petition be granted.

M. H. CLEARY,
and 133 others.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following:

Death of Eliza C. Gould.

The Committee on the Fifth Division, in reporting the death of Eliza C. Gould, late first assistant, Primary School, in the Everett District, at the last meeting of the Board, failed to mention the fact that Miss Gould had taught since 1847 in the Boston public schools, during which time she was never absent from her duties a single day that the schools were in session. Miss Gould was a faithful and loyal teacher, beloved by her pupils and esteemed by her associates, and it is only fitting that attention should be called to a term of service not only singularly long, but characterized by fidelity and devotion.

Accepted.

Primary accommodations for Frothingham District.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to at once secure outside accommodations for an additional Primary class in the Frothingham District.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to at once take the necessary measures to have School-house court, Ward 4, asphalted.

Paving of School-House court, Ward 4.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Ordered, That a ten-room Primary School building be erected on the Adams and Chestnut-street lot, Charlestown.

Erection of ten-room Primary School-house, Adams and Chestnut streets, Charlestown.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Ordered, That a ten-room Primary building be erected on a suitable location in the Warren District.

Erection of ten-room Primary building in Warren District.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, offered the following:

Report of Committee on Accounts; protest to Legislature relative to limiting expenditures of School Committee.

It having come to the knowledge of the Committee on Accounts that a bill is now pending in the Legislature limiting the expenditures of the School Committee, your committee feel it their duty to recommend to the Board that a protest be made, through its Committee on Legislative Matters, against the passage of any bill that would prevent the School Committee from carrying out their agreement with the instructors in the public schools, as expressed in the schedule of salaries passed in the summer of 1896.

Following out the line of policy that caused the Legislature in its wisdom to fix a limit for the entire expenses of the city, it is but natural to expect that the expenditures of all departments of the city must conform in some manner, to the end that the law can be complied with, and at the same time not cripple any of the several departments.

This committee admit the justice of the argument that it would be impossible for the city to comply with a nine-dollar limit, if any department of the city could legally incur expenses to an unlimited amount; yet, on the other hand, we believe that the citizens of Boston demand that as much of the revenue of the city should be used as may be necessary for a liberal support of the schools.

Your committee, after a careful consideration of the matter, have come to the conclusion that not less than two dollars and eighty cents ($2.80) on a thousand of the average assessed valuation of the city for the past five years will be needed to meet the net running expenses of the schools for the present financial year, two dollars and ninety cents ($2.90) for the financial year 1899–1900, after which three dollars ($3.00) at least will be required for subsequent years.

Your committee would also request to have incorporated in the bill the provision that any unexpended balance of any year be carried forward for use in subsequent years.

With this statement your committee would recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the proper committee of the Legislature, and advocate the passage of a bill embodying the foregoing provisions and amounts.

Mr. Paul moved that the report be laid on the table.

Lost.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, it was

Use of site for new Dorchester High School-house as playground.

Ordered, That, unless otherwise ordered, the use of the lot of land purchased for the new Dorchester High School-house be granted to the boys attending the

Dorchester High and Henry L. Pierce Schools, as a playground.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Document No. 2, 1898.)

Annual Report of Committee on Accounts.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 12, 1898.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Ames.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Credentials of J. Carlton Nichols.

The Chair stated that the credentials of Mr. J. Carlton Nichols, as a member of the School Committee, had been received, and would be placed on file.

Mr. Nichols appeared and took his seat.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Clerk calling attention to chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898.

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK.
CITY OF BOSTON, CITY HALL, March 23, 1898.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, ESQ., *Secretary School Committee:*

MY DEAR SIR: I would respectfully call your attention to chapter 149 of the Acts of the Legislature of this year, entitled "An Act to Authorize the Treasurer of the City of Boston to Issue Bonds for School Purposes."

Respectfully,
J. M. GALVIN,
City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of land for enlargement of site of South Boston High School-house.

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, April 5, 1898.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

In compliance with the request contained in your order of Feb. 8, 1898, the Board of Street Commissioners, on April 4, 1898, took, for school purposes, for an addition to the site for a High School at

South Boston, about twenty-six thousand seven hundred and twenty square feet of land on Thomas park, and their decree of such taking has been this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,

Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; settlement for land taken for school purposes, South and Hewlett streets, West Roxbury.

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, March 31, 1898.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

This opportunity is taken to inform you that the Board of Street Commissioners have this day authorized the City Solicitor to settle the case of Bartlett P. Luce for his estate, taken for a school-house site, on South and Hewlett streets, at West Roxbury, for the sum of $3,101.35 and interest to March 25, 1898, amounting to $273.95.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,

Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; settlement for land taken for school purposes on Athelwold street, Dorchester.

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, April 2, 1898.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have settled the case of Andrew J. Vose, petitioner for damages occasioned by the taking of his estate on Athelwold street, at Dorchester, for an addition to the old Gibson School estate, for the sum of $5,500 net, and have authorized the City Solicitor to agree to judgment in said case for said sum.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,

Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Metropolitan Water Board requesting permission to lay water-pipe under portion of Morton-street School-house lot, Dorchester.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD,
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, April 5, 1898.

MR. THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, *Secretary School Committee, Mason Street, Boston, Mass.:*

DEAR SIR: The Metropolitan Water Board, in behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, request authority to lay and maintain a 36-inch water-pipe across and under the following described land on Morton street, in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston, belonging to said city, said land being in charge of the School Committee and occupied as the site of a school-house.

Beginning at a point on the westerly line or location of the New England Railroad, distant fifty-one and one-half (51½) feet southerly from the intersection of said railroad line with the proposed southerly line of Morton street, as shown upon plans of the Board of Survey of the city of Boston; thence turning southerly by said railroad location eleven and seven-tenths (11.7) feet; then turning and running north 29° 23′ west by land of said city of Boston eighty-seven (87) feet; then turning and running south 74° 23′ east by the proposed southerly line of Morton street fourteen and one-tenth (14.1) feet; then turning and running south 29° 23′ east by land of said city seventy and one-tenth (70.1) feet to the point of beginning; said lot containing 785 square feet.

Also the right to lay and maintain said 36-inch water-pipe in and through the land belonging to said city of Boston lying between the present southerly line of Morton street, and the proposed southerly line of said street, as shown on the plans of the Board of Survey, substantially as shown on the accompanying plan, entitled "Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Metropolitan Water Works, Proposed Location of 36-inch Main through land of city of Boston between Norfolk street and the New England Railroad near Morton street, Dorchester," dated April, 1898.

Very truly yours,

DEXTER BRACKETT,
Engineer, Distribution Department.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Petition from Philip J. Doherty *et als.* for a Kindergarten in the Charlestown

BOSTON, March 19, 1898.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The undersigned, citizens of Boston, and residents of the immediate vicinity of the Harvard Primary School, respectfully petition that a Kindergarten School may be established in the immediate

District, near Harvard Hill.

vicinity of Harvard Hill, Charlestown, for the reason that there are a large number of children who could avail themselves of the privileges of a Kindergarten School, but who could not, with safety, cross Main street and Warren street, on which two streets electric cars are continually passing.

There is an urgent need for the establishment of such a school in this district, and we respectfully urge that the School Board may find it consistent with the public interests to establish such a school at an early date.

PHILIP J. DOHERTY,
and forty-nine others.

Referred to the Committee on Kindergartens.

Petition from residents of Paul Gore street, Jamaica Plain, requesting use of lot on said street as a playground be not granted.

The Chair presented a petition signed by residents on Paul Gore street, Jamaica Plain, requesting that the use of the school-house lot on said street, as a playground, be not granted this year.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The following order took its second reading:

Second reading of an order.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended by striking out everything after the first section, and substituting therefor the following. (See Minutes, pp. 143 to 199 inclusive.)

Mrs. Keller moved that the order be laid on the table until the next meeting of the Board.

Mrs. Keller's motion passed by a vote of 13 to 9.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on Normal School, offered the following:

First assistant, Primary school, in Rice Training School.

Ordered, That a first assistant, Primary School, be allowed in the Rice Training School.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following reports, those coming under the provisions of section 81 of the Rules being in accordance with the written recommendations of the Board of Supervisors.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Robert G. Shaw District. — Anna R. French, assistant, Primary School, April 11, 1898.

Wells District. — Mary C. O'Leary, assistant, Primary School, April 14, 1898.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Manual Training Schools. — Louise H. Billings, assistant instructor, from March 17, 1898.

Choate Burnham Kindergarten. — Annie L. McCarty, assistant, from April 11, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Charles L. Reed, junior-master, from April 15, 1898.

Bigelow District. — Margaret E. Roche, assistant, Grammar School, second year, from Jan. 25, 1898.

Comins District. — Mary Bradford, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from April 11, 1898.

Rice Training School. — Mabel I. Emerson, first assistant, Primary School, from April 13, 1898.

Robert G. Shaw District. — Mary G. Hudson, assistant, Primary School, second year, from April 11, 1898.

Wells District. — Winifred H. Berry, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from April 15, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Lowell District. — Agnes L. Moran, Amy W. Watkins, assistants, Primary School.

Lyman District. — Nellie M. Porter, first assistant,

Grammar School; Lucy M. Goodwin, assistant, Primary School.

Phillips District. — Clara A. McNamee, Julia E. Sullivan, assistants, Grammar School.

Prince District. — Florence M. Winslow, assistant, Primary School.

Instructor of Sewing. — Eldora M. S. Bowen.

Manual Training Schools. — Frederick B. Abbott, Augusta C. Beckwith, assistant instructors.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board.

Normal School. — Larkin Dunton, head-master, from March 20, 1898, until July 1, 1898.

Boys' Latin School. — Grenville C. Emery, master, from May 1, 1898, until July 1, 1898; Rufus W. Sprague, substitute.

English High School. — Samuel F. Tower, junior-master, from May 1, 1898, until July 1, 1898; Fred R. Miller, substitute.

Chapman District. — Mary C. Hall, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 9, 1898, until May 9, 1898; Lilian G. Farmer, substitute.

Dudley District. — Kate F. Lyons, assistant, Primary School, from April 1, 1898, until July 1, 1898; Eleanora A. Smith, substitute.

Emerson District. — Horatio D. Newton, sub-master, from April 1, 1898, until July 1, 1898; John A. Russell, substitute.

Schools of Cookery. — Amabel G. E. Hope, principal, from April 25, 1898, until July 1, 1898.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following candidates for the two positions of assistant to the Director of Drawing:

Assistants to Director of Drawing.

On the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors and of the Committee on Drawing: Kate F. Pierce.

On the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors: Edith S. Taylor.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Drawing: Margaret J. Patterson.

Accepted, and the nominations of Kate F. Pierce and Margaret J. Patterson confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Ordered, That the Metropolitan Water Board be informed that the School Committee, so far as it has any power in the premises, has no objection to the proposed laying and maintenance of a 36-inch water-pipe across and under a portion of the Morton-street School-house lot, in the Dorchester District, in the manner indicated in the communication of said Board of April 5, 1898, provided that the work is promptly undertaken and completed; that sufficient measures are adopted by said Board for the protection of school children and others during the prosecution of the work; and that no expense or liability shall accrue to the School Committee in connection with the matter.

Laying of water-pipe under portion of Morton-street School-house lot, Dorchester [See p. 207.]

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 8 — a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to furnish an estimate for fire-proofing basement, equipping with fire-escapes, and making necessary repairs on building known as Stoughton School, River street, Ward 24, and also to inquire into the sanitary condition of this building, reported that they

Report of Committee on School Houses; estimated cost of repairs on Stoughton School-house. [See p. 119.]

have given the matter attention, and recommend that the Common Council be informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that to provide two sets of fire-escapes from the second floor to the ground, wire lath and plaster the basement, build brick wall at foot of basement stairs, construct fire-proof basement doors, alter basement stairs, provide new window-frames and sash throughout, repair clapboarding and outside finish, paint outside of building, and do miscellaneous repairs will cost approximately three thousand dollars.

The heating, ventilating, and sanitary apparatus is what is known as the Fuller, Warren & Co.'s system. The heating is by four furnaces; the ventilation is by means of galvanized-iron ducts from each room, through which the vitiated air is drawn to the basement to a central aspirating flue, and thence through the flue to the roof. The heating apparatus is in fair condition. The sanitaries are the dry closet system, the fecal matter remaining in a brick trough under seats, where it is burnt out at certain intervals, the smoke and odors passing off through a chimney to the external air. The urinal is also known as the dry closet system, no water being used in connection therewith.

The expense of installing mechanical ventilation, *i.e.*, a cone wheel and an electric motor in aspirating shaft, substituting modern appliances for the present sanitaries and urinals, providing new traps, properly vented, for sinks and wash-bowls, would be approximately two thousand five hundred dollars.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Appropriations. *Ordered*, That of the amount granted to the School

Committee, under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriations be made:

Temporary wooden building in yard of Frothingham School-house, $2,700.

Temporary wooden building in yard of Noble School-house, Emerson District, $2,700.

Report of Committee on School Houses; additional appropriation for West End School-house.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, reported that the appropriation for the West End (Mayhew) Primary School-house is insufficient to pay the bills incurred in connection with its construction by about $1,000. This deficiency arises from the fact that the City Council some years ago made an appropriation of $45,000 for a Primary School-house in this locality, to be built under the supervision of the City Architect, and when that office was abolished, and the construction of new school-houses undertaken by the School Committee, this appropriation was drawn against in connection with the cost of the Mayhew School-house, and further appropriations amounting to $66,000 were made by the School Committee, for the same purpose, from the amount granted by the Legislature. Certain bills, however, amounting to about $1,000, for advertising, and for removing old buildings from the lot, etc., done under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, were charged to the $45,000 appropriation, which were not taken into account by the School Committee in connection with subsequent expenditures made under its authority. Therefore, it is now necessary to make an additional appropriation to cover the discrepancy, which does not, of course, mean that the cost of the building has been increased over the amount anticipated in connection with previous appropriations. The committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

West End Primary School-house, building, additional, $1,016.47.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; paving of School-House court, Ward 4.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 22 — an order relative to asphalting School-House court, Ward 4, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to at once take the necessary means to have School-House court, Ward 4, asphalted.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, offered the following:

Proposals for site for new Primary School-house, Charlestown.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be directed to advertise for proposals for selling to the city a lot of land in Charlestown, containing about twenty thousand (20,000) square feet, for a site for a new Primary School-house, within the territory bounded by Bunker Hill, Trenton, Cross, High, and Pearl streets, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 202 of the Acts of 1897; and said committee are hereby authorized to give a hearing as provided for by said act, and make a report thereon to this Board.

Mr. Paul moved that the order be laid on the table.

Mr. Paul's motion was lost by a vote of 1 to 18.

The order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; appropriations for school purposes. [See pp. 134, 135.]

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted — March 22 — an order that the following appropriations be made:

New Grammar School-house, Harris District, additional $6,000 00
East Boston High School-house, site, additional 5,152 74
New Primary School-house, Vernon street, Roxbury, additional . . . . 2,000 00 $ 2,000

with instructions to report in detail with regard to previous appropriations and expenditures for these purposes, submitted the following report:

The present appropriation for the Harris District (Mary Hemenway) Grammar School-house amounts to $123,760.06, which it was hoped would be sufficient for its completion. Your committee were advised, however, to make certain changes in the heating and ventilating system designed to increase its efficiency, which were adopted after careful consideration, and under the advice of experts. Your committee have, also, in the exercise of their best judgment, ordered various other alterations both in the building and in the grading of the lot, which they are satisfied will promote the comfort of the teachers and pupils, and add to the appearance of the school. These changes will increase the cost of the building to something over $129,000, and your committee accordingly recommend the further appropriation of $6,000 from which they expect to be able to save a small balance.

The original order passed by this Board Nov. 9, 1897, contemplated the taking of but 25,000 square feet for a site for the new East Boston High School. This order was returned by the Mayor with a letter addressed to him by the Board of Street Commissioners suggesting that the taking be enlarged, and the school estate made an abutter on Louisiana place. The Board accordingly rescinded the first order and passed another requesting

the taking of 26,300 square feet. Subsequently it was discovered by actual survey that the description furnished this Board, of the site proposed to be taken, was incorrect, and the second order was returned by the Mayor without his approval. A third order was then passed requesting the taking of 27,500 square feet, which the present site contains. The appropriation made by the Board for the purchase of this lot was $58,000, which was approximately the price for which the original site had been tendered by the former owners. Of course enlarging the size of the lot some 2,500 square feet has increased the cost correspondingly. The Board of Street Commissioners has now agreed upon terms of settlement with all the former owners of the site, the cost of which will be as follows, including a slight additional expense recently incurred :

Cost of site	$62,600 00
Taxes for 1897 on a portion of estates taken to be paid by the city . .	529 10
Sundries	51 17
Total cost	$63,180 27

It has been the experience of your committee to find as each new school-house neared completion, that the building can be improved by additions to, or modifications of, the original plans and specifications, the necessity for which frequently does not present itself until the building is nearly ready for occupancy. With regard to the new Primary School-house on Vernon and Auburn streets, as in other instances, your committee, in their desire to exercise a due regard for economy, failed to allow a sufficient margin for such changes in their previous recommendations to the Board with regard to appropriations for this building, and therefore find them-

selves obliged to recommend that an addition of $2,000 be now made to the present appropriation of $83,000. With these explanations your committee recommend the passage of the appended order:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriations be made.

New Grammar School-house, Harris District, additional	$6,000 00
East Boston High School-house site, additional	$5,180 27
New Primary School-house, Vernon street, Roxbury, additional	$2,000 00

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; additional appropriation for furnishing Longfellow School-house.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, reported that on Sept. 7, 1897, an order was passed by this Board, appropriating the sum of $10,000 for furnishing the Longfellow School-house. The expense already incurred for this purpose amounts to $9,854.19, and about $800 additional is needed to complete the furnishing of this building. There is an unexpended balance of another appropriation which can be made available in this direction, and your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That from the $7,000 appropriated Nov. 10, 1896, out of the amount granted the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, for small wooden buildings, furnishing, the following transfer be made:

Longfellow School-house, furnishing, additional, $645.62.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; approval of plans and specifications for wooden building in yard of Frothingham School.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 22 — an order requesting them to at once secure outside accommodations for an additional Primary class in the Frothingham District, reported that they have been unsuccessful in finding suitable accommodations that can be hired for the purpose, and are of the opinion that the needs of the district can be best met by erecting a two-room temporary building in the yard of the Frothingham School. Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the plans and specifications prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, for a two-room wooden building in the yard of the Frothingham School, Charlestown, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on School Houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect same in accordance with said plans and specifications; and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Accompanying the plans and specifications was the written approval of the Superintendent, as follows:

Approval of Superintendent of plans and specifications for wooden building in yard of Frothingham School.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, April 1, 1898.

To the Committee on School Houses:

I have examined with care the plans and specifications for a two-room school, to be erected in the yard of the Frothingham School, said plans being four in number, as follows: section and end elevation; front elevation; floor plan; floor framing and pier plan; these plans having been drawn, and these specifications having been prepared in the office of the Superintendent of Public Buildings. I hereby give to them my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Mr. Bateman moved that the order be referred to the Committee on the Second Division.

Lost.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; acceptance of Mary Hemenway School-house.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted — March 22 — an order relative to the acceptance of the Mary Hemenway School-house, reported that in their judgment this school-house should now be accepted by the Board, and they recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Mary Hemenway School-house, at the corner of Adams and King streets, Dorchester, be accepted by this Board, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Approval of plans and specifications for wooden building in yard of Noble School.

Ordered, That the plans and specifications prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, for a two-room wooden building in the yard of the Noble School-house, Emerson District, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on School Houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect same in accordance with said plans and specifications; and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Accompanying the plans and specifications was the written approval of the Superintendent, as follows:

Approval of Superintendent of plans and specifications for wooden building in yard of Noble School.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, April 1, 1898.

To the Committee on School Houses:

I have examined with care the plans and specifications for a two-room school, to be erected in the yard of the Noble School, Emerson

District, said plans being four in number, as follows: section and end elevation; front elevation; floor plan; floor framing and pier plan; these plans having been drawn, and these specifications having been prepared in the office of the Superintendent of Public Buildings. I hereby give to them my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Board of Street Commissioners requested to take land for enlargement of Munroe-street Primary School-house lot, Roxbury.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for the enlargement of the Primary School-house lot, on Munroe-street, Roxbury, a parcel of land supposed to belong to Jonathan French *et al.*, trustees, bounded southwest by Munroe-street, about fifty feet, southeast by other land of Jonathan French *et al.*, trustees, about one hundred twenty feet, northeast by land supposed to belong to Dennis A. Reardon and Mary F. Wright about fifty feet, and northwest by land of the city of Boston about one hundred twenty feet, containing six thousand square feet, more or less.

Mr. Strange moved that the votes whereby all the orders offered by the Committee on School Houses at this meeting were declared passed, be reconsidered, hoping his motion would not prevail.

Lost.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing, offered the following:

Outline Lessons in Drawing to be printed as a School Document.

Ordered, That the Outline of Lessons in Drawing for 1898–99 be issued as a School Document with illustrations, and that two thousand copies of said document be printed.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Ordered, That the sessions of the public schools be suspended on Monday, April 18, 1898.

Suspension of school sessions.

The Chair stated that it would require a suspension of the rules to pass the order.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, the necessary number not voting therefor.

The Chair appointed the following Committee on Annual School Festival:

Appointment of Festival Committee.

Mr. Samuel F. Hubbard, Chairman; Messrs. McDonald, Aldrich, Bowdlear, and Burrill.

Approved.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, moved that Chapter III. of the revised Rules as reported by that committee be amended by the addition of the following section:

Amendment to proposed rules.

SECT. 47. They shall arbitrate in cases of difficulty between instructors and parents; but the parties may appeal to the Board if they desire to do so.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Jan. 25 — an order requesting them to consider and report upon the expediency of abolishing the several Division Committees, and to recommend some plan by which the duties at present assigned to these committees may be otherwise promptly and efficiently performed; and — Feb. 8 — an order that the Rules and Regulations be amended, so as to abolish the Committee on Kindergartens, reported that these matters have been given consideration in connection with the revised Rules and Regulations, recently submitted to the Board, and your committee therefore recommend that no further action with regard to these particular orders is necessary.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; abolishing of Division Committees and Committee on Kindergartens

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Normal School; Commonwealth to assume charge of Normal School.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on the Normal School, who were ordered — Jan. 25 — to consider and report as soon as possible on the expediency of requesting the Commonwealth to assume the control and support of the Normal School now maintained by the city of Boston, presented their report on the subject, recommending that it is inexpedient to take such action.

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed as a School Document.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 26, 1898.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Ames.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 21, 1898.

Communication from Common Council; erection of temporary building in yard of Morton-street school.

Ordered, That the School-house Committee of the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to erect a two-room portable building in the school-yard of the Morton-street School, to be used for Primary classes.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 21, 1898.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, April 22, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 21, 1898.

Communication from Common Council; flagstaff in yard of Florence-street School, Ward 23.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to erect a flagstaff in the yard of the Florence-street School, Ward 23.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 21, 1898.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, April 22, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Common Council; use of land adjoining Plummer School-house as a playground.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 14, 1898.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is requested to ask the School Committee to allow the land adjoining the Plummer School to be used by the children of the First Section, East Boston, as a playground.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 14, 1898.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, April 16, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Clerk calling attention to chapter 174 of the Acts of 1898.

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK,
CITY OF BOSTON, CITY HALL, April 15, 1898.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, ESQ., *Secretary School Committee:*

MY DEAR SIR: I would respectfully call your attention to chapter 174 of the Acts of the Legislature of this year entitled "An Act relative to the Taking of Land for School Purposes in the City of Boston."

Respectfully,

J. M. GALVIN,
City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Clerk calling attention to chapter 228 of the Acts of 1898.

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK,
CITY OF BOSTON, CITY HALL, April 15, 1898.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, ESQ., *Secretary School Committee:*

MY DEAR SIR: I would respectfully call your attention to chap-

ter 228 of the Acts of the Legislature of this year, entitled "An Act relative to the Construction of School-houses in the City of Boston."

Respectfully,

J. M. GALVIN,

City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 14, 1898.

Communication from City Council; defective sanitary arrangements in Dudley School-house.

Ordered, That the report of the Board of Health in regard to the sanitary improvements needed in the Dudley School-house be referred to the School Committee, with a request that said committee take immediate action towards providing said improvements.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, April 18, concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,

Asst. City Clerk.

(Copy enclosed herewith.)

(COPY.)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

OLD COURT HOUSE, BOSTON, April 13, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, *Mayor:*

DEAR SIR: In answer to the order of the Common Council bearing date of the 7th inst., concerning the sanitary condition of the Dudley School-house, the Board of Health begs to state that, on examination of this school-house in December last and again on the 12th inst., we find no traps to sinks. The water-closets and urinals situated in the basement are inadequately flushed, and some of them are out of order. The basement is unventilated, and offensive odors from the closets and urinals reach the school-rooms. The ventilating apparatus for the school-rooms appears to be ineffective, and complaints are made of strong down draughts through the exhaust ducts, making the school-rooms at times very uncomfortable.

To remedy this faulty condition the Board would respectfully recommend that the ventilating shafts be extended through the roof, and provided with sufficient power by fan or heat to secure an adequate and constant upward current of air; that the urinals and closets in the basement be repaired, provided with better means of flushing and ventilation.

Very respectfully,

THE BOARD OF HEALTH,

SAMUEL H. DURGIN,

Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following reports, those coming under the provisions of section 81 of the Rules being in accordance with the written recommendations of the Board of Supervisors.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Rice Training School. — Mabel I. Emerson, assistant, April 13, 1898.

Kindergartens.

Abby W. May School. — Sarah H. Williams, assistant, April 21, 1898.

Yeoman-street School. — Mabel M. Winslow, assistant, April 25, 1898.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Dearborn District. — Mattie M. Clough, from April 11, 1898.

Dillaway District. — Helen T. Chickering, from April 11, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Everett District. — Sophie G. Thayer, assistant, Grammar School, from April 28, 1898.

Mather District. — Lillian A. Ganong, assistant, Primary School, from April 11, 1898.

Quincy District. — Blanche F. Harrington, assistant, Primary School, from May 2, 1898.

Manual Training Schools. — Annie V. Comins, assistant instructor, from April 14, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Christopher Gibson District. — Katherine J. Daily, assistant, Primary School, from April 18, 1898. Election of teachers on probation.

Gaston District. — Bessie J. Sanger, assistant, Grammar School, from May 2, 1898.

Kindergartens.

Dorchester-avenue School. — Mabel M. Winslow, principal, from April 25, 1898.

Roxbury-street School. — Sarah H. Williams, principal, from April 21, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Everett District. — Lydia F. Willis, assistant, Primary School. Confirmation of teacher.

Accepted, and the teacher confirmed.

TRANSFERS.

Lowell District. — Mary W. French, assistant, Primary School, on probation, to the position of assistant, Grammar School, on probation, in the same district, — Marcella-street Home, — to date from May 1, 1898. Transfers of teachers.

Lowell District. — Marcella-street Home. — Mary E. Murphy, assistant, Grammar School, on probation, to the position of assistant, Primary School, on probation, in the same district, to date from May 1, 1898.

Roxbury-street Kindergarten. — Ellen M. Fiske, principal, to the same position in the Vernon-street Kindergarten, to date from April 18, 1898.

Accepted, and the transfers confirmed.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Girls' Latin School. — Jane R. Sheldon, assistant, from May 2, 1898, until July 1, 1898; Grace E. H. Casey, substitute.

Bennett District. — Annie M. Stickney, assistant, Grammar School, from April 11, 1898, until July 1, 1898; Harriet E. Ells, substitute.

Chapman District. — Mary C. Hall, assistant, Primary School, from May 9, 1898, until July 1, 1898; Lilian G. Farmer, substitute.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Sarah W. Loker, assistant, Grammar School, from April 1, 1898, until July 1, 1898; George E. Murphy, substitute.

Lincoln District. — Vodisa J. Comey, assistant, Grammar School, from April 1, 1898, until July 1, 1898.

Shurtleff District. — Martha E. Morse, assistant, Grammar School, from April 9, 1898, until July 1, 1898; Laura M. Geyer, substitute. Lillian M. Hall, assistant, Primary School, from April 9, 1898, until July 1, 1898; Mary L. Sullivan, substitute.

Kindergartens.

Noble School. — Flora S. McLean, principal, from April 11, 1898, until July 1, 1898; Helen H. Holmes, substitute.

Warrenton-street School. — Juliette Billings, assistant, from April 20, 1898, until July 1, 1898; Anna H. Prentiss, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on Truant Officers, it was

Leave of absence granted

Ordered, That John H. Westfall, truant officer, be granted leave of absence for the purpose of serving in

the navy during the present war, and that his salary be continued until Sept. 1, 1898, with the understanding that he shall be immediately reinstated in his present position upon his return.

to John H. Westfall, truant-officer.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Ordered, That the $35,812 appropriated Jan. 4, 1897, out of the amount granted the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, for Elm-street, Charlestown, Primary School-house site, be transferred to New Primary School-house, Charlestown, site.

Appropriation for new Primary School-house, Charlestown, site.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board, Jan. 4, 1897, that there be paid to William H. Hayes the sum of twenty-six thousand three hundred and twelve dollars($26,312) as payment for premises situated and numbered two and three on Howard place, premises situated and numbered seventeen on Elm street, nineteen on Elm street, and twenty-one on Elm street, in that part of Boston formerly Charlestown, purchased for school purposes, upon the said Hayes giving to the city of Boston a deed for said estates satisfactory to the Law Department, be and the same hereby is rescinded.

Order for payment for portion of Elm-street lot, Charlestown, rescinded.

Mr. Paul raised the point of order that it was not competent for this Board to rescind an order passed by a former Board.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom were referred, from the files of last year, an order requesting them to provide a new Primary School-house in the Robert G. Shaw District, and an order requesting them to consider the advisability of erecting a six-room school-house on Baker street, West Roxbury, reported that

Report of Committee on School Houses; new Primary School-house in Robert G. Shaw District.

they have granted a hearing on the matter, at the request of the West Roxbury Citizens' Association, when the subject was very thoroughly canvassed. Your committee are satisfied that the reasonable wishes of the residents of this district, that the present Baker-street School-house should be replaced by a modern and larger building, should be complied with, more especially as a suitable site for the purpose was purchased some years ago. They believe, however, that the needs of the district will be sufficiently met, for the present at least, by the construction of a four-room building which can be readily enlarged at any time in the future by the addition of four more rooms, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

New Primary School-house, Baker street . $30,000

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; new Primary School-house in Warren District. [See pp. 32, 201.]

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, who were requested — Jan. 25 — to erect at once a ten-room Primary School building on the Chestnut and Adams streets site, and a similar building in the Warren District, and to whom were referred — March 22 — two similar orders, reported that they have not been unmindful of the needs of Charlestown with regard to additional school accommodations, and on their recommendation an order was passed by the Board, April 12, approving plans and specifications for a two-room temporary building in the yard of the Frothingham School-house, and at the same meeting your committee were authorized to advertise for proposals for a suitable site

for a Primary School-house in the Warren District. They now recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

New Primary School-house, Warren District . $50,000

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; petitions from Sarah F. Hapgood, Jane M. Shaw, Charles W. Pierce, and others, of Ward 25; additional school accommodations in Ward 25. [See pp. 113, 114.]

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom were referred — Feb. 23 — petitions signed by Sarah F. Hapgood, Jane M. Shaw, Charles W. Pierce, and other residents of Ward 25, for additional school accommodations, reported that the petitioners have been granted a hearing in accordance with their request, and the situation in the Washington Allston and Bennett Districts very carefully considered and discussed. Your committee regret that it is impossible to meet fully the wishes of the petitioners for increased school facilities in Brighton with the amount available for such purposes this year, but they believe that the construction of an eight-room Primary School-house to replace the present building on Webster avenue, Washington Allston District, will provide the relief most urgently needed in that section. They accordingly recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

New Primary School-house, Webster avenue . $50,000

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; new Primary

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, reported that in their judgment additional Primary School accommodations are urgently needed in South Boston. The

School-house, Thomas N. Hart District.

site of the Thomas N. Hart School-house affords ample room for a new Primary building, which they believe will relieve the pressure in that section. Your committee accordingly recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

New Primary School-house, Thomas N. Hart District $50,000

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; additional school accommodations in Seventh and Ninth Divisions.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom were referred, from the files of last year, several orders relative to the necessity of providing additional school accommodations in the Seventh and Ninth Divisions, reported that they have given the needs of Dorchester and Roxbury in this respect very careful thought. Were these the only districts in which new buildings are needed, it would be a comparatively easy matter to relieve their wants, but the appropriation available for the construction of new Grammar and Primary School-houses this year is not by any means sufficient to cover all that should be done, and your committee are, of course, desirous of making as fair an apportionment of new buildings as possible. They therefore recommend the construction of an eight-room Primary School-house on Munroe street, to take the place of the present two-room building, an order having already been passed by the Board for the enlargement of this lot by about 6,000 square feet, which has been approved by the Mayor, and transmitted to the Board of Street Commissioners for their action. They also recommend that an addition be constructed to the Quincy-street School-house, to

contain ten rooms of Grammar size and a hall, and that the present site be enlarged by adding about 9,500 square feet of land in the rear for that purpose. This building can then be made the Grammar School of a new district to be formed from a portion of both the Lewis and Hugh O'Brien Districts, which are already too large. The Quincy-street site is, in the judgment of your committee, the best that could be secured for the purpose, without going to a large expense, and the enlarged building will be peculiarly fitted to accommodate both the Primary and Grammar population in its immediate vicinity. Additional accommodations are needed as well in other districts in both Roxbury and Dorchester, but your committee feel that in addition to the foregoing they can only recommend the construction of two-room temporary buildings in the Tileston and Christopher Gibson Districts. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriations be made:

Quincy-street School-house, addition . .	$72,000
New Primary School-house, Munroe-street .	50,000
Temporary wooden building in yard of Morton-street School-house . . .	2,700
Temporary wooden building in yard of old Gibson School-house	2,700

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; site for new Grammar School-house, Lowell District.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, reported that in considering the question of additional school accommodations to be provided this year they early became satisfied that it would be wiser to expend the appropriation mainly in the construction of new buildings, rather

than in the purchase of sites on which it would be impossible to commence building operations during the current year. The situation in the Lowell District is, however, somewhat peculiar. It will undoubtedly be necessary to establish a new Grammar district in that section before long, and a suitable site can be more readily and cheaply obtained now than later, and your committee believe that immediate steps should be taken for the acquirement of such a site. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be directed to advertise for proposals for selling to the city a lot of land in Roxbury, containing about twenty-five thousand (25,000) square feet, for a site for a new Grammar School-house, within the territory bounded approximately by South Huntington avenue, Evergreen street, Day street, and Hutchins avenue, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 202 of the Acts of 1897; and said committee are hereby authorized to give a hearing as provided for by said act, and make a report thereon to this Board.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; new Primary School-house in Ward 23. [See p. 35.]

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 8 — a communication from the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor, that the School Committee be requested to select a site and establish a new Grammar School in Ward 23, in the vicinity of Hyde Park avenue and Walk Hill street, reported that the City Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that a site containing 30,000 square feet has already been acquired in that locality, on which it is proposed to build a new Primary School-house this year, which your committee believe will provide for the present needs of that district.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

Appropriation for new Primary School-house, Forest Hills.

New Primary School-house, Forest Hills . $30,000

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

Appropriation for enlargement of old Gibson School-house lot.

Old Gibson School-house lot, enlargement, $5,510.08

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 8 — a communication from the City Council that the School Committee be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the erection of a new Grammar School building near the Primary School-house on Morton street, reported that in making up the list of new school-houses to be erected during the present year they gave the situation in Dorchester very thorough consideration. They are well aware of the rapid growth of that section of the city, and are fully impressed with the necessity of providing it with adequate school accommodations. They must, however, give an equal consideration to the needs of other sections of the city, and as the Board cannot build this year all the school-houses that have been asked for they are obliged to make such recommendations as they believe will meet the more urgent necessities. Your committee have endeavored to recommend all the additional

Report of Committee on School Houses; erection of Primary School-house, Morton street. [See p. 37.]

school accommodations for Dorchester that a due regard for the conditions existing elsewhere would permit, and propose to erect a two-room temporary building in the yard of the Morton-street School-house to relieve the crowded condition of that building. They must, therefore, reluctantly report that it is inexpedient to erect a new Grammar School-house as suggested in the communication referred.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

Report of Committee on School Houses; use of lot on Paul Gore street as a playground. [See p. 208.]

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 12 — a petition signed by Frederick Charles Aplin and thirteen others, that the use of the school-house lot on Paul Gore street, Jamaica Plain, as a playground be not granted this year, reported that they do not intend to recommend that such use of the lot be authorized this year, and recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; Primary School building on Leon street, Ward 19. [See pp. 35, 36.]

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom were referred — Feb. 8 — a communication from the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to appropriate the sum of $60,000 for the construction of a new eight-room Primary School-house on Leon street, Ward 19, and — Feb. 23 — an order requesting them to report the name of an architect for a new building on this site, and — March 22 — a petition signed by M. H. Cleary and one hundred thirty-three others, urging the construction of such a building, reported that they have given the matter careful consideration and had hoped to be able to make a favorable report thereon, but the demand for additional school accommodations in other sections of the city is so urgent, and the necessities elsewhere so great, that they

are obliged to report that the sum to be expended this year for new accommodations is insufficient to warrant this work being undertaken in connection with that already planned.

Accepted.

Mr. Strange moved that the votes whereby all the orders offered by the Committee on School Houses at this meeting were declared passed be reconsidered, hoping his motion would not prevail.

Mr. Paul moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

Mr. Paul's motion to lay on the table was lost by a vote of 7 to 11.

Mr. Strange, by unanimous consent of the Board, withdrew his motion to reconsider.

Mr. Anderson rose to a parliamentary inquiry, and asked if the Chair was not in error in ruling out the order previously offered by the Committee on School Houses to rescind the order passed by the Board — Jan. 4, 1897 — for the payment of $26,312 to William H. Hayes, for a portion of the Elm-street site, Charlestown.

Mr. Paul raised the point of order that the Chair had already ruled out the order referred to, and no appeal had been taken at the time.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Mr. Anderson offered the following:

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board — Jan. 4, 1897 — that there be paid to William H. Hayes the sum of twenty-six thousand three hundred and twelve dollars ($26,312) as payment for premises situated and numbered two and three on Howard place, premises situated and numbered seventeen on Elm street,

Payment for portion of Elm-street site, Charlestown, rescinded. [See p. 229.]

nineteen on Elm street, and twenty-one on Elm street, in that part of Boston formerly Charlestown, purchased for school purposes, upon the said Hayes giving to the city of Boston a deed for said estates satisfactory to the Law Department, be and the same hereby is rescinded.

Mr. Paul raised the point of order that the Chair had already ruled a similar order out of order.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Report of Committee on Kindergartens; petition from Philip J. Doherty *et als.* for a Kindergarten in the Charlestown District, near Harvard Hill. [See pp. 207, 208.]

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, to whom was referred — April 12 — a petition signed by Philip J. Doherty and forty-nine others, for the establishment of a Kindergarten in the immediate vicinity of Harvard Hill, Charlestown, reported that as there is already a Kindergarten in each Charlestown District, while several districts in other parts of the city are without any, your committee do not feel that they can at present favor the establishment of another Kindergarten in the Harvard District. They therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

On motion of Mr. Anderson the report was laid on the table.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following:

Additional yard accommodations for Longfellow School.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to provide additional yard accommodations for the Longfellow School.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, offered the following:

Defective sanitary arrangements in Charles Sumner School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to have the sanitary accommodations of the Charles Sumner School-house improved at once, in accordance with plans prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to provide additional school accommodations in the Bowditch and Longfellow Districts.

Additional school accommodations in Bowditch and Longfellow Districts.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That the annual parade of the School Regiment take place on Friday, May 13, 1898, and that the annual prize drills take place on May 31, June 1, 2, and 3, 1898.

Dates for annual parade and prize drills of School Regiment.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That Edith A. Parkhurst, assistant in the Roxbury High School, be placed upon the seventh year of service in her rank.

Salary of Edith A. Parkhurst.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, to whom was referred — Jan. 25 — an order that the principal of the Cross-street Primary School be empowered to dismiss the two classes in that building whenever the atmosphere becomes so impure as to prevent proper work on the part of the children, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend that it is inexpedient to take any action on the order referred.

Report of Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training; dismissal of classes in Cross-street Primary School.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That principals of districts may excuse Primary School pupils under seven years of age from attendance during afternoon sessions, when so requested by the parents of such children.

Attendance of Primary pupils during afternoon sessions.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Report of Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training; dispensing with morning recess in Everett, Sherwin, and Hyde Schools during the winter months.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order that during the winter months the Everett, Sherwin, and Hyde Schools be authorized to dispense with the usual recess and to close their morning session at 11.40 o'clock, reported that they have given the no-recess question a good deal of thought during the present year, and while they have not yet arrived at a definite conclusion, they believe that it would be wise to afford an opportunity to observe the practical workings of the plan. To that end your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended so as to provide that all applications for the omission of recesses shall be referred to the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, who shall act thereon after consultation with the Superintendent.

Accepted, and the order referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Report of Committee on Supplies; Outline Lessons in Drawing to be printed as a School Document.

Mr. Davison, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — April 12 — an order concerning the printing of the Outline of Lessons in Drawing for 1898–99, reported that they have considered the matter, and are of the opinion that the following order ought to pass:

Ordered, That the Outline of Lessons in Drawing for 1898–99 be issued as a School Document with illustrations, and that two thousand copies of said document be printed.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Fleischer offered the following:

Ordered, That the anniversary of William R. Morse, Junior-Master in the Public Latin School, be made coincident with his annual salary increase.

Salary of William R. Morse, Junior-Master in Latin School.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the following order was taken from the table, together with the amendment to the revised Rules offered by him at the last meeting (see Minutes, p. 221):

Revised Rules and Regulations.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended by striking out everything after the first section, and substituting therefor the following (see Minutes, pp. 143 to 199 inclusive).

On motion of Mr. Anderson, chapter X. of the revised Rules, relating to the School Faculty, was recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Anderson moved the passage of the order.

Mr. Paul moved that the remainder of the Rules as reported by the Committee on Rules and Regulations be recommitted to that committee.

Mr. Fleischer moved the previous question.

Mr. Fleischer's motion passed by a vote of 13 to 5.

The Chair stated the question was on recommitting the revised Rules and Regulations to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The motion to recommit was lost by a vote of 10 to 12.

Mr. Strange moved that the Board adjourn.

Lost, by a vote of 9 to 13.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the question was divided, and each section was taken up separately.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 2 of the revised Rules.

Mr Paul moved to amend section 2 by substituting section 2 of the present Rules.

Mr. Paul's motion to amend was lost by a vote of 6 to 12.

Mr. Paul moved to amend section 2 by inserting the words "Evening Schools" after the word "Text-books," in the seventh line.

Vote of censure of Charles Fleischer.

Mr. Anderson moved that Mr. Fleischer be directed to put his statements with reference to misconduct and mismanagement on the part of the Evening School Committee in clear written form, containing specific charges against individual members of that committee at once, and that, in the lack of such charges, the Board do hereby censure him for said statement with reference to the committee, and especially with regard to the chairman of that committee.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, May 10, 1898.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Ames.

On motion of Mr. Nichols, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

City of Boston.
Street Commissioners' Office,
City Hall, April 27, 1898.

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for portion of Reservoir lot taken for school purposes.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with the Water Commissioner of the city of Boston upon the sum of eight thousand sixteen dollars, as payment for the portion of the Reservoir lot on Thomas park, at South Boston, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, April 4, 1898 (taking recorded April 5, 1898).

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

City of Boston.
Street Commissioners' Office,
City Hall, May 10, 1898.

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; settlement for land taken for school purposes, South and Hewlett streets, West Roxbury. [See p. 206.]

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

On March 31 the Street Commissioners wrote informing you that they had authorized the City Solicitor to settle the case of Bartlett P. Luce for his estate taken for a school-house site, on South and Hewlett streets, at West Roxbury, for the sum of $3,101.35 and interest to March 25, 1898, amounting to $273.95. Owing to a mistake made by Mr. Luce's counsel in computing interest, that vote had to be re-

scinded, and a new vote passed making a settlement for the same amount ($3,101.35) and interest to March 25, 1898, amounting to $460.03.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Twentieth Century Club expressing thanks for accommodations furnished them by School Committee.

TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB.
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 14 ASHBURTON PLACE,
BOSTON, May 2, 1898.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Education Department of the Twentieth Century Club has just held its closing meeting of the season, when reports of the winter's work were presented in detail, particularly that of the Committee on Free Lectures for the People.

By vote of this meeting, formal expression was made of the gratitude felt by the Education Department for the generous action of your committee in granting the use of the several school halls and the privilege of distributing tickets by the school children of these districts.

This vote has been placed upon the records of the meeting, and it is my pleasant duty to inform you of the same.

The coöperation of your Board has rendered possible a new work, which we believe to be of distinct value, and we desire to share with you the many and spontaneous expressions of grateful appreciation which these lectures have elicited. I am

Very truly yours,

CHARLOTTE BARRELL WARE,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

Revised Rules and Regulations recommitted to Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Paul moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Board refused to recommit the revised Rules and Regulations to the Committee on Rules and Regulations at the last meeting. (See Minutes, p. 241.)

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to reconsider.

The motion to reconsider passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Anderson, Bassett, Bateman, Calderwood, Davison, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Nichols, Paul, and Strange — 14. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Bowdlear, Burrill, Coolidge, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer and Lowell — 9.

Absent: Mrs. Ames.

The revised Rules and Regulations were recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Bowdlear, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following reports, those coming under the provisions of section 81 of the Rules being in accordance with the written recommendations of the Board of Supervisors. Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Bennett District. — Annie M. Stickney, assistant, Grammar School, June 1, 1898. Resignation of teachers.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Carrie M. Watson, assistant, Primary School, May 2, 1898.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Christopher Gibson District. — Caroline W. Heckle, assistant, Primary School, from May 16, 1898. Temporary teachers.

Emerson District. — Mary E. O'Hare, assistant, Primary School, from May 10, 1898.

Everett District. — Grace C. Boyden, assistant, Primary School, from May 2, 1898.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Josephine P. Poole, assistant, Primary School, from May 17, 1898.

Hyde District. — Emma S. Gulliver, first assistant, Grammar School, from May 3, 1898.

Lyman District. — Elizabeth C. Quirk, assistant, Primary School, from May 3, 1898.

Mary Hemenway District. — Florence G. Willis, assistant, Primary School, from May 2, 1898.

Rice Training School. — Frances M. Campbell, assistant, from April 25, 1898.

Warren District. — Ellen M. O'Connor, assistant, Grammar School, from May 10, 1898.

Wells District. — Mary J. Jenkins, assistant, Primary School, from May 18, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Bennett District. — Julia M. Talbot, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from June 1, 1898.

Emerson District. — Grace H. Mareman, assistant, Primary School, from May 2, 1898.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Carrie M. Watson, first assistant, Primary School, from May 2, 1898.

Wells District. — Stella L. Cotton, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from April 25, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Lewis District. — Emma F. Wilson, assistant, Primary School.

Mary Hemenway District. — Susan J. Berigan, assistant, Primary School.

Sherwin District. — Laura L. Brown, assistant, Primary School.

Wells District. — Gertrude M. Dimick, assistant, Primary School.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: Leaves of absence.

Bowdoin District. — Elizabeth R. Preston, assistant, Primary School, from May 3, 1898, until July 1, 1898; Mary F. Murphy, substitute.

George Putnam District. — Ellen E. Leach, assistant, Grammar School, from May 7, 1898, until July 1, 1898; Winifred S. Sanborn, substitute.

Hancock District. — Mary F. Malone, assistant, Primary School, from April 1, 1898, until July 1, 1898; Mary E. Meaney, substitute.

Lawrence District. — Elinor F. Buckley, assistant, Grammar School, from April 1, 1898, until July 1, 1898; Ann M. Mitchell, substitute.

Martin District. — Sarah W. Moulton, assistant, Grammar School, from May 14, 1898, until July 1, 1898; M. Louise Wiswall, substitute.

Phillips District. — Katharine A. Burns, assistant, Grammar School, from May 2, 1898, until July 1, 1898; Eleanor J. Murphy, substitute.

Prince District. — Ellen P. Longfellow, assistant, Grammar School, from April 1, 1898, until July 1, 1898; Hattie L. Gates, substitute.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — April 26 — a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, with reference to the erection of a two-room portable building in the school-yard of the Morton-street School, to be used for Primary classes, reported that an appropriation for the purpose has already been made, and the necessary plans and specifications are now in Report of Committee on School Houses; erection of temporary building in yard of Morton-street School.

course of preparation. They recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the construction of the building will be undertaken at the earliest possible date.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of portion of Reservoir lot for school purposes. [See p. 243.]

Ordered, That there be paid to the city of Boston, for land in charge of the Water Department of said city, being part of the Reservoir lot on Thomas park and G street, South Boston, taken for school purposes, the sum of eight thousand sixteen dollars ($8,016).

Report of Committee on School Houses; additional yard accommodations for Longfellow School. [See p. 238.]

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 26 — an order requesting them to provide additional yard accommodations for the Longfellow School, reported that there is no money available for this purpose during this year, and they therefore recommend that no further action be taken by the Board.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; overcrowded condition of schools in East Boston. [See pp. 112, 113.]

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 23 — a communication from the East Boston Citizens' Trade Association with regard to the inadequacy of the school accommodations in East Boston, reported that they are well acquainted with the conditions existing in that section of the city, and are anxious to provide all needed relief as soon as possible, but the limited appropriation available for additional accommodations necessitates delay in many instances that would otherwise receive their early attention. Your committee desire to provide ample school facilities for all sections of the city, and only the lack of sufficient

funds prevents their immediate action in the direction indicated in the communication referred.

Accepted.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, offered the following:

Order for purchasing land for enlargement of Robinson-street School-house lot rescinded.

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board — Jan. 4, 1897 — that the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, a certain lot or parcel of land belonging to Hannah T. Bliss, situated in the Dorchester District of Boston, adjoining and lying on the northerly side of the Robinson-street School-house lot, near Field's Corner, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southwesterly corner of said premises and running northerly along the easterly line of land now or formerly of Charles M. Carter and Edward N. Capen, about ninety-four and 73/100 feet; then turning and running easterly along the southerly line of land of Jesse and Flora A. Moulton, about one hundred ninety-four and 89/100 feet; then turning and running southerly about one hundred and four and 48/100 feet to the northerly line of said school-house lot; then turning and running westerly along the northerly line of said school-house lot about one hundred ninety-five and 44/100 feet to the point of beginning, and containing nineteen thousand four hundred and thirty-three square feet of land, more or less, be and the same hereby is rescinded.

Mr. Paul raised the point of order that it was not competent for this Board to rescind an order passed by a former Board.

The Chair stated that having been advised by the Corporation Counsel that it was perfectly competent for one Board to rescind an order passed by a former Board, the order offered by the Committee on School Houses

could be entertained, notwithstanding the ruling of the Chair at the last meeting with regard to a similar order.

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Order for payment for portion of Elm-street site, rescinded. [See p. 229, 237, 238.]

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board — Jan. 4, 1897 — that there be paid to William H. Hayes the sum of twenty-six thousand three hundred and twelve dollars ($26,312) as payment for premises situated and numbered two and three on Howard place, premises situated and numbered seventeen on Elm street, nineteen on Elm street, and twenty-one on Elm street, in that part of Boston formerly Charlestown, purchased for school purposes, upon the said Hayes giving to the city of Boston a deed for said estates satisfactory to the Law Department, be and the same hereby is rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Order for payment for portion of Elm-street site, rescinded.

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board — Jan. 4, 1897 — that there be paid to Thomas F. McManus the sum of nine thousand five hundred dollars ($9,500) as payment for premises situated and numbered twenty-three on Elm street, in that part of Boston formerly Charlestown, purchased for school purposes, upon the said McManus giving to the city of Boston a deed for said estate satisfactory to the Law Department, be and the same hereby is rescinded.

Report of Committee on School Houses; approval of draft for payment for site of proposed Elm-street School-house.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order that the Mayor be requested to withhold his approval of the draft for payment for the site of the proposed Elm-street School-house, reported that as the appropriation made for this lot has now been transferred, and the orders for

payment rescinded, no further action is necessary with regard to the order referred.

Accepted.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 26 — an order requesting them to provide additional accommodations in the Bowditch and Longfellow Districts, reported that the condition of the appropriation available during the current year will not warrant any further expenditure for new buildings or sites than those already contemplated. Your committee recommend that no further action be taken with regard to the order referred.

Report of Committee on School Houses; additional accommodations in Bowditch and Longfellow Districts. [See p. 239.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That Frederick B. Bogan be granted leave of absence during such time as he may be called upon for military service during the present war.

Leave of absence granted Frederick B. Bogan.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for a High School-house, East Boston, prepared by John Lyman Faxon, Architect, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the said John Lyman Faxon is hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on School Houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications; and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Approval of plans and specifications prepared by John Lyman Faxon, for new High School-house, East Boston.

Accompanying the plans and specifications was the written approval of the Superintendent as follows:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, April 26, 1898.

To the Committee on School Houses:

SIRS: I have examined with care the plans, fourteen (14) in number (blue prints), and the specifications for the East Boston High School-house, said plans and specifications having been made and drawn up by John Lyman Faxon, Architect, 7 Exchange place, Boston. To them I hereby give my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Mr. Eaton offered the following, and moved that it be substituted for the order offered by the Committee on School Houses:

Estimated cost of East Boston High School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to obtain estimates of the cost of the East Boston High School according to plans and specifications prepared for the same by J. Lyman Faxon, and present said estimates, together with the plans, to this Board for approval.

Mr. Lowell moved that the order offered by the Committee on School Houses be recommitted to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Lowell's motion was lost.

The Chair stated that the question was on substituting the order offered by Mr. Eaton for the order offered by the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion to substitute.

The motion to substitute was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Bateman, Burrill, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Gallivan and Nichols — 7.

Nays: Messrs. Allen, Anderson, Bassett, Bowdlear, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell, McDonald, and Strange — 13.

Absent or not voting: Mr. Aldrich, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Fleischer and Paul.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the order offered by the Committee on School Houses was amended by adding the following words: "with the understanding that the cost of this building shall not exceed $200,000."

Amendment to order approving plans and specifications of East Boston High School-house.

The order as amended passed.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to make, under the authority conferred upon them by chapter 210 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1898, such changes in the locations, directions, widths, and grades of the highways shown on Section X 24 of the Board of Survey plans filed by the Board of Survey in the City Surveyor's office in City Hall, Jan. 3, 1894, as will maintain the lines of the old Gibson School lot upon School street at the corner of Athelwold street in their present position.

Lines of old Gibson School-house lot to remain unchanged.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the following-named architects be selected to prepare plans for the new school-houses set against their names:

Architects selected for new school-houses.

Bacon & Hill, New Primary School-house, Baker street.

Whitman & Hood, New Primary School-house, Webster avenue.

William H. Besarick, New Primary School-house, Thomas N. Hart District.

James Mulcahy, New Primary School-house, Munroe street.

Perkins & Betton, New Primary School-house, Forest Hills.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from the Mayor calling attention to chapter 400, Acts of 1898.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY HALL, BOSTON, May 10, 1898.

To the School Committee:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of chapter 400 of the Acts of 1898, entitled "An Act relative to the support of the Public Schools of the City of Boston," which has now become a law, and I invite your careful attention to its provisions. In view of the time which has already elapsed since the beginning of the financial year, I desire to urge the importance of the speedy passage by your committee of the school budget, as provided by this act.

The necessity of keeping school expenses for the future strictly within the limits which have now been fixed by the Legislature is obvious, and I need not urge upon your committee that its appropriation order should not only be framed so as to come within the limit for the present year, but on such a basis as to keep the school expenditures of next year and of subsequent years, with their necessary increases, within the limits provided by this act.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Allen moved that chapter 400 of the Acts of 1898 be printed in full in the minutes.

Passed.

Chapter 400 of Acts of 1898.

CHAPTER 400 OF THE ACTS OF 1898.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The School Committee of the City of Boston shall forthwith, after the passage of this act, and on or before the first day of March in each year thereafter, by vote of two-thirds of all its members, taken by yeas and nays, make appropriations for the support of the public schools of said city for the financial year,

including repairs and alterations on school buildings. Such appropriations shall be made by items specifying the purposes for which the money is to be expended. Such appropriations, which shall be included within the tax limit of said city for municipal purposes as now established by law, shall not exceed in the aggregate, upon each one thousand dollars of the average valuation of the taxable property in said city as ascertained under the provisions of law limiting the rate of taxation in said city, the following sums for the periods specified, to wit: For the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of January in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, two dollars and eighty cents; for the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of January in the year nineteen hundred, two dollars and eighty-five cents; and for the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of January in the year nineteen hundred and one, and for each financial year thereafter, two dollars and ninety cents; and any vote or appropriation requiring a larger assessment than as above specified shall be void, and said School Committee shall have no authority to incur any liability or make any expenditure in excess of such appropriations, anything in any statute to the contrary notwithstanding. Of the total amount authorized to be appropriated as aforesaid, an appropriation of which the several items shall amount to not less than twenty-five cents upon each one thousand dollars of said average valuation shall be expended only for such repairs and alterations upon school buildings as said School Committee shall order.

Sect. 2. The votes of said School Committee making such appropriations shall have the same force and effect as orders or votes of the City Council appropriating money, and shall be subject to the same provisions of law in respect to approval by the Mayor, except that a vote of three-fourths of all the members of said School Committee, taken by yeas and nays, shall be necessary to pass any such appropriation over the veto of the Mayor.

Sect. 3. After an order or vote of said School Committee making an appropriation shall have gone into effect, the aggregate amount so appropriated shall be certified by the School Committee to the Board of Assessors, and shall be included by said assessors in the amount to be raised by taxation in said city for such year.

Sect. 4. Any balance of an appropriation so made by said School Committee remaining unexpended at the close of any financial year, and not needed to carry out the requirements of any statute, gift, trust, or special appropriation, and any amount within the limit above defined for such year not appropriated by said committee,

shall be added to the amount which said committee may appropriate, as herein authorized, for the financial year next ensuing.

SECT. 5. The proceeds of any sale of any school lands or buildings shall be held in the city treasury of said city, and used only for the purchase of land or the construction of buildings for school purposes, but shall not be so used without the approval of the Mayor in writing in each specific case. Such proceeds shall be expended in accordance with the provisions of chapter four hundred and eight of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

(*Approved May 7, 1898.*)

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the following order was taken from the table:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations; certificates of proficiency to pupils in High and Latin Schools. [See pp. 119, 120.]

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECT. 173. Insert after the word "diplomas," in the eighth line, the words, "The Board of Supervisors may grant certificates of proficiency to such pupils in the High and Latin Schools as have satisfactorily completed a part of the authorized course of study."

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the following order was taken from the table:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations; providing that report of annual school festival be included in annual report. [See p. 120.]

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECT. 75. Insert after the word "advisable," in the thirteenth line, the words, "a report of the annual school festival."

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Allen, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Additional ungraded class in Lyman District.

Ordered, That an additional ungraded class be allowed in the Lyman District, making two in all.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Ordered, That the Edward Everett Primary School-house, Sumner street, Dorchester, be supplied with new ventilating apparatus, and other necessary repairs made.

New ventilating apparatus for Edward Everett Primary School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, offered the following:

Ordered, That a session of the Mechanic Arts High School be held on Saturday, May 21, as a special public day, and that the school be closed on the following Friday, May 27.

Special public day in Mechanic Arts High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to cause the yards of the Bunker Hill Grammar and Primary Schools to be put in a safe condition for school use at once.

Condition of yards in Bunker Hill Grammar and Primary Schools.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

Ordered, That one room in the Bigelow School-house be wired for electric lighting, for stereopticon use.

Room in Bigelow School-house to be wired for electric lights.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to John D. Philbrick the sum of one hundred fifty dollars ($150) for extra services performed in the Evening Schools during the term 1897–98.

Payment to John D. Philbrick.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, it was

Ordered, That principals of schools provided with flags be directed to have them displayed each school day, weather permitting, until further notice.

Flags on school-houses to be displayed.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

School-houses not provided with flagstaffs.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to report at the next meeting of the Board a list of school-houses not provided with flagstaffs.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on Annual School Festival, it was

Date of annual school festival.

Ordered, That the annual school festival be held on Saturday, July 2, 1898.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 24, 1898.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the Chair.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Ames and Mr. Fleischer.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Law Department; payment to Thomas F. McManus. [See p. 250.]

CITY OF BOSTON.
LAW DEPARTMENT, May 23, 1898.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Supreme Court has decided that the city is bound by its agreement with Thomas F. McManus to purchase his property for $9,500. The purchase will have to be made, and I should recommend that the committee make an appropriation to pay therefor.

Yours respectfully,
THOMAS M. BABSON,
City Solicitor.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of land for enlargement of Munroe-street Primary School-house lot, Roxbury. [See p. 220.]

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, May 19, 1898.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

In compliance with the request contained in your order of April 12, 1898, the Board of Street Commissioners have this day taken, for school purposes, — for an addition to the site of the Munroe-street School, at Roxbury, — about fifty-eight hundred sixty-eight square feet of land on Munroe street, and their decree of such taking has been this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Council; instruction in swimming to public-school children, during summer vacation.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, April 25, 1898.

Ordered, That the City Council approves the proposal of the Bath Department to furnish, so far as possible, instruction in swimming to the scholars in the public schools during the summer vacation, and hereby requests the School Committee to give its endorsement to such proposal, and to coöperate, so far as it may properly do so, in the carrying out of such plan.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence. May 5, came up concurred.
Approved by the Mayor, May 9, 1898.
A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Superintendent Seaver relative to vaccination of children attending public schools. [See p. 199.]

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, May 24, 1898.

To the School Committee, Boston, Mass.:

In obedience to an order of the School Committee, passed March 22, 1898, I have made careful investigation in order to ascertain whether the requirements as to the vaccination of children admitted to the public schools are strictly observed, especially as to pupils entering the Kindergartens. I have found that in a few instances children have been admitted to the Kindergartens without the proper vaccination certificate. The attention of the principals of the districts in which such admissions had been made has been called to the importance of a strict observance of the Regulations in this matter, and I recommend that no further action by the School Committee is necessary at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from President of Department of School Administration of the National Educational Association for School Boards; national convention of School Boards.

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SCHOOL BOARDS.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., May 15, 1898.

To the Board of Education, Boston, Mass.:

GENTLEMEN: The members of your honorable body, or such delegates as you may elect, are cordially invited to attend the meeting of the School Administration Department of the National Educational Association (Third Annual Convention of School Boards of the United States), to be held at Washington, D.C., July 8th and 9th. The most important topics affecting the management of practical school affairs will be treated, and a general discussion between representatives from all parts of the country will be held.

Reduced hotel rates at Washington have been arranged for. The railroads have granted a rate of one fare for the round trip from all parts of the United States. Delegates will be assigned to quarters upon arrival in Washington.

Where Boards of Education or School Committees cannot attend in a body, it is desirable to send as many delegates as possible.

It is hoped that your Board will take favorable action at an early date. Kindly instruct your Secretary to advise us of your action in this matter.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN E. BRANDEGEE,
President.

WM. GEO. BRUCE, *Secretary.*

Convention will be held at Washington, D.C., July 8th and 9th. 1898.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Superintendent Seaver; request of National Maine Monument Committee; request of W. Rankin Good *et als.*, "The American Boy Fund."

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, May 17, 1898.

To the School Committee, Boston, Mass.:

I desire to lay before you two communications as follows:

First, the request of the National Maine Monument Committee for the signatures of all the pupils in the public schools of this city, these signatures to be placed in a special vault underneath the monument. This communication says that should the children desire to make contribution to the fund, the amount of any individual contribution must be limited to ten cents.

Second, the request of W. Rankin Good and others of Cincinnati, Ohio, constituting a committee, that contributions be solicited in the public schools of this city for the purpose of raising a fund with

which to build a battle-ship to replace the ill-fated "Maine," the new battle-ship to be called the "American Boy."

I suggest that these communications be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations for consideration and report.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following reports, those coming under the provisions of section 81 of the Rules being in accordance with the written recommendations of the Board of Supervisors.

RESIGNATION.

Resignation of teacher.

Eliot District. — James Burrier, sub-master, Aug. 31, 1898.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Chapman District. — Mary M. Hoye, from May 16, 1898.

Longfellow District. — Mary C. Harrington, from May 17, 1898.

Tappan Kindergarten. — Hattie Browne, from May 9, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

East Boston High School. — Loretta L. Shaw, assistant, from May 16, 1898.

English High School. — Frank E. Poole, junior-master, from June 14, 1898.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Albert W. Thayer, Harry W. Whittemore, junior-masters, from June 7, 1898.

Charles Sumner District. — Catharine M. Lynch, assistant, Primary School, from June 7, 1898.

Christopher Gibson District. — Viola M. I. Clark, assistant, Grammar School, from June 1, 1898.

Dearborn District. — Elizabeth B. McKeon, assistant, Grammar School, from June 7, 1898; Annie S. Irvin, assistant, Primary School, from June 21, 1898.

Franklin District. — Rose Weinberg, assistant, Primary School, from June 7, 1898.

Gaston District. — Agnes R. Leahy, assistant, Grammar School, from June 7, 1898.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Edwin I. Beal, assistant, Grammar School, from June 7, 1898; Ida P. Mayers, assistant, Grammar School, from June 14, 1898.

Lincoln District. — Rachel W. Washburn, assistant, Primary School, from June 7, 1898.

Mary Hemenway District. — Mary Polk, assistant, Grammar School, from June 14, 1898.

Minot District. — Annie T. McCloskey, assistant, Primary School, from June 8, 1898.

Sherwin District. — Mary F. Sullivan, assistant, Primary School, from June 1, 1898.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Maude C. Tinkham, assistant, Grammar School, from June 7, 1898.

Washington Allston District. — Gertrude Weeks, assistant, Grammar School, from June 1, 1898.

Schools of Cookery. — Elizabeth T. Sumner, instructor, from May 2, 1898; Mary Cunningham, instructor, from May 16, 1898.

Manual Training Schools. — Louise H. Billings, assistant instructor, from June 20, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Frothingham District. — Mary A. Quirk, assistant, Grammar School, from June 7, 1898.

Warren District. — Ellen M. O'Connor, assistant, Grammar School, from May 25, 1898.

Kindergartens.

Abby W. May School. — Helen L. Holmes, assistant, from April 25, 1898.

Cook School. — Isabella F. Wallace, assistant, from May 15, 1898.

Stoughton School. — E. Mabel Gibson, assistant, from April 11, 1898.

Tyler-street School. — Mabel A. Jenkins, assistant, from April 11, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Christopher Gibson District. — Joseph T. F. Burrill, first assistant, Grammar School.

Prescott District — Lillian M. Park, assistant, Primary School.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

Leaves of absence; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Bigelow District. — Mary L. Howard, assistant, Primary School, from May 16, 1898, until June 3, 1898; Mary A. Rourke, substitute.

Dearborn District. — Mary L. Gaylord, assistant, Primary School, from April 26, 1898, until June 24, 1898; Mary A. Scully, substitute.

Manual Training Schools. — Edla M. Petersson, assistant instructor, from May 2, 1898, until July 1, 1898.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Board of Street Commissioners requested to take land for enlargement of old Gibson School-house lot.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for the enlargement of the old Gibson School-house lot, School street, Dorchester, a parcel of land supposed to belong to Robert A. Moore, and bounded and described as follows: Northeast by land of the city of Boston, about one hundred eighty-six and $\frac{75}{100}$ feet; southeast by Athelwold street, thirty and $\frac{32}{100}$ feet; southwest by an extension of Whitfield street as located by the Board of Survey, one hundred eighty-five and $\frac{87}{100}$ feet; containing 2,818 square feet, more or less.

Report of Committee on School Houses; securing of vacant lot adjoining Charlestown High School-house.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order requesting them to at once take measures to secure for school purposes the vacant lot of land adjoining the Charlestown High School-house, reported that your committee have duly considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the appended order:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, a parcel of land supposed to belong to the heirs of S. Rowland Hart, bounded northwest by Cedar street, about thirty feet; northeast by land of the city of Boston, about one hundred and five feet; southeast by Monument square, about thirty-two feet; and southwest by land supposed to belong to F. J. Staten, about one hundred and five feet, containing thirty-three hundred square feet, more or less.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; condition of yards of Bunker Hill Grammar and Primary Schools.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 10 — an order that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to cause the yards of the Bunker Hill Grammar and Primary Schools to be put in a safe condition for school use at once, reported that they have ordered these yards to be repaved with brick, and the necessary grading done in connection therewith, and recommend that no further action is necessary by the Board.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; selection of architect for completion of Mechanic Arts High School-house.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 23 — an order requesting them to consider, at as early a date as possible, the selection of an architect for the completion of the Mechanic Arts High School building, and to report an order appropriating a sufficient sum for the work from the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, reported that it is impracticable to make any appropriation for this purpose from the amount granted to the School Committee under the legislative acts referred to. The School Committee may, however, under the provisions of chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898, make contracts during any year for the payment of the whole or any portion of the $850,000 which will become available for building and furnishing High and Latin Schools during the years 1899, 1900, and 1901. Your committee believe that the completion of the Mechanic Arts High School should be undertaken as speedily as possible, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Edmund M. Wheelwright be selected as architect to supervise the completion of the Mechanic

Arts High School-house, substantially in accordance with the original plans therefor, as prepared by him.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the plans and specifications prepared by the Acting Superintendent of Public Buildings, for the erection of a two-room wooden building in the yard of the Morton-street School-house, Dorchester, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and they are hereby approved by this Board, and the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications, and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Approval of plans and specifications for building to be erected in yard of Morton-street School. [See pp. 223, 233.]

Accompanying the plans and specifications was the written approval of the Superintendent as follows:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, May 20, 1898.

To the Committee on School Houses:

SIRS: I have examined with care the plans (four (4) in number) and specifications, made and prepared in the office of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, for a two-room school-house in the yard of the Morton-street School, Dorchester District. I hereby approve them.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the plans and specifications prepared by the Acting Superintendent of Public Buildings, for the erection of a two-room wooden building in the yard of the old Gibson School-house, Dorchester, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be

Approval of plans and specifications for building to be erected in yard of Old Gibson School-house. [See p. 233.]

accepted, and they are hereby approved by this Board, and the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications, and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Accompanying the plans and specifications was the written approval of the Superintendent, as follows:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, May 20, 1898.

To the Committee on School Houses:

SIRS: I have examined with care the plans (four (4) in number) and specifications, made and prepared in the office of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, for a two-room school-house in the yard of the old Gibson School, Dorchester District. I hereby approve them.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Report of Committee on School Houses; appropriation of metal-working department of Mechanic Arts High School. [See p. 114].

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 23 — an order that the amount of one thousand eight hundred dollars ($1,800) be placed to the credit of the Mechanic Arts High School, for the purchase by the Committee on School Houses, coöperating with the Committee on Manual Training, of additional equipment for the metal-working department, reported that your committee have provided for the purchase of this additional equipment as suggested in the order referred, and would therefore recommend that no further action is necessary in the matter.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses;

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, in compliance with an order referred to them — May 10 — reported

the following list of school-houses which are not provided with flag-staffs:

list of school-houses not provided with flag-staffs. [See p. 258.]

Aberdeen.
Abby W. May.
Adams-street.
Appleton-street.
Atherton.
Auburn.
Baker-street.
Baldwin.
Bartlett-street.
Benjamin Pope.
Bon Homme Richard, Lyceum Hall, Mather, Old Mather, } Grouped together on Meeting House Hill. One large staff on brow of hill.
Bunker Hill Grammar.
Bunker Hill Primary.
Canterbury-street.
Capen.
Chapman Annex, pole on main building.
Chauncey-place.
Chestnut-avenue.
Clinch.
Cook.
Cottage-place.
Cross-street.
Cushman.
Cyrus Alger.
Dearborn.
Dorchester-avenue.
Drake.
Emerson, Poplar street.
English High.
Florence-street.
Franklin.
Freeman.
George-street.
Girls' High.
Girls' Latin, Copley square.
Glenway.
Grant.
Harbor View.
Harris Annex, staff in yard of Grammar building.
Harvard.
Heath-street.
Howard-avenue.
Howe.
Hugh O'Brien Annex, staff in yard of Grammar building.
Hyde.
Ingraham.
Ira Allen.
Joshua Bates.
Lowell Annex, staff in yard of Grammar building.
Mayhew.
Mather, South Boston.
Mayflower.
Mead-street.
Medford-street.
Mt. Pleasant-avenue.
Munroe-street.
Munroe-street Annex.
Norcross.
North Margin-street.
Old Agassiz, pole on new building.
Old Gibson.
Old Roxbury High.
Parkman.
Phillips.
Pierpont.
Polk-street.
Poplar-street.
Pormort.

Prescott Annex, staff in yard of Grammar building.
Public Latin.
Quincy-street, Dorchester.
Quincy-street, Highlands.
Rice.
Roxbury-street.
Rutland-street.
Savin Hill.
Sharp.
Skinner.
Somerset-street.
Tappan.
Thomas N. Hart Annex, pole on Grammar building.
Ticknor.
Tuckerman.
Tyler-street.
Wait.
Walnut-street.
Ware.
Washington-street, Forest Hills.
Way-street.
Webster.
Wells.
West Concord-street.
Weston-street.
Winchell.
Winthrop.
Winthrop-street.
Yeoman-street.

Accepted.

Annual report of Committee on Text-Books.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Text-Books, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Document No. 6, 1898.)

Appended to the report were the following orders:

1. *Ordered*, That the books and charts of the Educational Music Course, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as text-books in the Primary and Grammar Schools, to be substituted for the books and charts of the National Music Course and the books and charts of the Revised National Music Course, as new books and charts are needed.

2. *Ordered*, That H. E. Holt's New and Improved Normal Course in Music be authorized for use as additional text-books in music in the Grammar and Primary Schools.

3. *Ordered*, That the restrictions as to the purchase of the Natural Music Course as noted in the list of authorized text and reference books (School Document No. 11, 1897, pp. 3 and 5) be stricken out.

4. *Ordered*, That the Duntonian System of Vertical

Writing, published by Thompson, Brown & Co., be authorized for use as additional text-books in penmanship in the Grammar Schools.

5. *Ordered*, That The Children's Fourth Reader, by Ellen M. Cyr, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in grade VI., to be furnished only as new text-books are needed to replace those now in use.

6. *Ordered*, That Monroe's New Fourth Reader, published by E. H. Butler & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in grade IV., to be furnished only as new text-books are needed to replace those now in use.

7. *Ordered*, That Claude's Twilight Thoughts, published by Ginn & Co., be dropped from the list of authorized text-books in grade IV.

8. *Ordered*, That the New Franklin Arithmetic, First Book and Second Book, be authorized for use as text-books in the Grammar Schools, to be purchased as new text-books in arithmetic are needed.

9. *Ordered*, That Robinson's Short History of Greece, published by Rivington, Percival & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

10. *Ordered*, That Smith's Smaller History of Greece be dropped from the list of text-books authorized for use in the Latin Schools.

11. *Ordered*, That L'Arrabbiata, by Paul Heyse, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

12. *Ordered*, That Immensee, by Theodor Storm, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

13. *Ordered;* That Höher als die Kirche, by Wilhelmine v. Hillern, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

14. *Ordered*, That Three German Tales, edited by A. B. Nichols, published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

15. *Ordered*, That Deutsche Sprachlehre, by Carla Wenckebach, published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

16. *Ordered*, That Collar's Shorter Eysenbach, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

17. *Ordered*, That Collar's Eysenbach, published by Ginn & Co., be dropped from the list of text-books authorized for use in the Latin and High Schools.

18. *Ordered*, That Expéditione de Bonaparte en Egypte, by Louis Adolphi Thiers, published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

19. *Ordered*, That Contes et Légendes, by H. A. Guerber, Parts I. and II., published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

20. *Ordered*, That An Introduction to English Literature, by Henry S. Pancoast, published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

21. *Ordered*, That Plane and Solid Geometry, by Van Velzer & Shutts, published by Tracy, Gibbs & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

22. *Ordered*, That Elements of Chemistry, by Rufus P. Williams, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

23. *Ordered*, That Introduction to Chemical

Science, by Rufus P. Williams, published by Ginn & Co., be dropped from the list of text-books in the High Schools.

24. *Ordered*, That First Facts and Sentences in French, by Bétis & Swan, published by Charles Scribner's Sons, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Roxbury High School.

25. *Ordered*, That Bäumlein's Edition of Homer's Iliad, Boise's Homer's Iliad, Goodwin's Grammar, Goodwin's Reader, Goodwin & White's Anabasis of Xenophon, Jones's Prose Composition, Liddell & Scott's Abridged Lexicon, Seymour's School Iliad, White's Beginners' Greek Book, White's First Greek Book, and White's First Lessons in Greek, be authorized for use as text-books in the High Schools.

26. *Ordered*, That Citizen Bird, by Wright & Coues, published by The Macmillan Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in Grammar Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

27. *Ordered*, That Birds of Village and Field, by Merriam, published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in Grammar Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

28. *Ordered*, That Flowers and Their Friends, by Morley, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in Grammar Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

29. *Ordered*, That Lessons with Plants, by Bailey, published by The Macmillan Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in Grammar Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

30. *Ordered*, That Stories of Insect Life, by Weed, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in Grammar Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

31. *Ordered*, That One Hundred Gymnastic Games, published by Geo. H. Ellis, be authorized for use as a reference book in Grammar Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

32. *Ordered*, That A History of Painting, by Van Dyke; A History of Sculpture, by Marquand & Frothingham; and A History of Architecture, by Hamlin, published by Longmans, Green & Co., be authorized for use as reference books in the Grammar and High Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

33. *Ordered*, That Chambers's Encyclopædia be authorized for use as a reference book for the Latin and High Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

34. *Ordered*, That Classic Myths in English Literature, by Charles M. Gayley, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in Latin and High Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

35. *Ordered*, That Around the World, by Carroll, published by The Morse Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Primary Schools.

36. *Ordered*, That Uncle Robert's Geography, III., by Francis W. Parker, published by D. Appleton & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

37. *Ordered*, That King's Geographical Readers, Nos. 3, 4, and 6, published by Lee & Shepard, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

38. *Ordered*, That School Reading by Grades, Fifth Year and Sixth Year, by William Baldwin, published by the American Book Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

39. *Ordered*, That Claude's Twilight Thoughts,

published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

40. *Ordered*, That Monroe's New Fourth Reader be dropped from the list of books authorized for supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

41. *Ordered*, That A History of the United States for Schools, by Wilbur F. Gordy, published by Charles Scribner's Sons; A School History of the United States, by John B. McMaster, published by the American Book Co.; A History of the United States of America, its People and its Inhabitants, by Charles Morris, published by J. B. Lippincott Co.; A History of the United States of America, by Horace E. Scudder, published by Sheldon & Co.; A History of the United States for Schools, by John Fiske, published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co.; and A History of the United States for Schools, by William A. and Arthur M. Mowry, published by Silver, Burdett & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools, not more than ten copies of each to be furnished any one school.

42. *Ordered*, That Curious Homes and their Tenants, by James C. Beard, published by D. Appleton & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

43. *Ordered*, That Stories of Long Ago in a New Dress, by Grace H. Kupfer, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

44. *Ordered*, That Indians and Pioneers, by Hazard & Dutton, published by The Morse Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

45. *Ordered*, That This Country of Ours, by Benjamin Harrison, published by Charles Scribner's Sons,

be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

46. *Ordered*, That A Students' History of the United States, by Edward Channing, published by The Macmillan Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in fourth-year classes, High Schools.

47. *Ordered*, That A History of the United States for Schools, by John Fiske, published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Boys' Latin School.

48. *Ordered*, That An Introduction to English Literature, by Henry S. Pancoast, published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the High Schools.

49. *Ordered*, That The Outlines of Literature, English and American, by Truman J. Backus, published by Sheldon & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the High Schools.

The report was accepted, and the orders laid over, under the rule.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, offered the following:

Stepping Stones to Literature, Nos. 2 and 3.

Ordered, That Stepping Stones to Literature, Nos. 2 and 3, be dropped from the list of books authorized for supplementary reading in the Primary Schools.

Ordered, That Stepping Stones to Literature, Nos. 2 and 3, published by Silver, Burdett & Co., be authorized for use as text-books in grades II. and III. respectively, to be furnished only as new text-books are needed to replace those now in use.

Laid over, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing, it was

Ordered, That the thanks of this Board be extended to the Sons of the Revolution for their very generous act in directing that certain schools be furnished with portraits of Washington, in continuance of their gifts of similar portraits three years ago.

Thanks of the Board extended to the Sons of the Revolution.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That a master's and teachers' room be provided for the Prescott Grammar School, with suitable furniture therefor.

Master's and teachers' room to be provided Prescott Grammar School.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That new boilers be placed in the Harvard Grammar School building.

New boilers in Harvard Grammar School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Polk-street Primary School building, Prescott District, be placed in proper sanitary condition.

Defective sanitation of Polk-street Primary School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Medford-street Primary School building, Prescott District, be repaired and painted.

General repair of Medford Primary School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — May 10 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing a copy of chapter 400 of the Acts of 1898, it being an Act approved May 7, 1898, relative to the support of the public schools of the city of Boston, reported that they have considered the matter, and herewith present the following information in reference to the same:

Report of Committee on Accounts; communication from Mayor, calling attention to chapter 400, Acts of 1898. [See pp. 254-256.]

Under chapter 178 of the Acts of 1885 the city of Boston is limited in the amount that can be raised by taxation to a certain percentage of the taxable property, after being reduced by the amount of all abatements allowed to the 31st day of December in the year preceding.

In the same manner the law recently passed limits the School Committee in their expenditures for the public schools for the present year to $2.80 per thousand of the valuation as ascertained by the Statutes of 1885, plus the estimated income.

In accordance with said Statute the Assessors of the city of Boston report that the average valuation which forms the basis for computing the sum allowed the School Committee for the present year amounts to $951,638,949. Two and $\frac{80}{100}$ dollars on each thousand of this valuation amounts to $2,664,589, and to this should be added the estimated income, placed at $36,000, making the legal limit which the School Committee can use for running expenses the current year $2,700,589.

The Statutes provide that of the total amount authorized not less than twenty-five cents upon each thousand dollars of said average valuation shall be expended only for such repairs and alterations upon school buildings as the School Committee shall order; and, therefore, of the amount allowed for the present year $237,909 at least must be appropriated for repairs, etc.

In accordance with these statements your committee would recommend the passage of the following orders:

No. 1. *Ordered*, That to meet the current expenses of the School Committee, payable during the financial year beginning Feb. 1, 1898, and ending Jan. 31, 1899, the following sums are hereby appropriated for the purposes stated:

SALARIES OF INSTRUCTORS.

Normal School.

1	Head-master	at $3,780	$3,780	
1	Master	2,772	2,772	
2	Assistants	1,620	3,240	
2	"	1,560	3,120	
1	Assistant	1,500	1,500	
2	Assistants	1,380	2,760	
2	"	1,260	2,520	
1	Special Assistant	1,380	1,380	
1	Clerical "	520	520	
				$21,592

Latin and High Schools.

First Grade.

1	Head-master	at $4,200	$4,200	
6	Head-masters	3,780	22,680	
2	Masters	3,348	6,696	
24	"	3,060	73,440	
3	Junior-masters	2,916	8,748	
4	"	2,772	11,088	
2	"	2,628	5,256	
5	"	2,484	12,420	
3	"	2,340	7,020	
5	"	2,196	10,980	
4	"	2,052	8,208	
2	"	1,908	3,816	
3	"	1,764	5,292	
3	"	1,620	4,860	
1	Junior-master	1,476	1,476	
1	Clerical Assistant	500	500	
				186,680

Third Grade.

1	Assistant Principal	at $2,040	$2,040	
2	Assistants	1,620	3,240	
23	"	1,500	34,500	
1	Assistant	1,476	1,476	
3	Assistants	1,404	4,212	
5	"	1,332	6,660	
12	"	1,260	15,120	
6	"	1,188	7,128	
22	"	1,116	24,552	
10	"	1,044	10,440	
3	"	972	2,916	
				112,284

Carried forward, $320,556

Brought forward,			$320,556

Mechanic Arts High School.

1 Head-master . . .	at $3,780	$3,780	
1 Junior-master . . .	2,772	2,772	
2 Junior-masters . . .	2,628	5,256	
1 Junior-master . . .	1,476	1,476	
1 Instructor in Metal Working,	2,220	2,220	
1 Instructor	2,220	2,220	
2 Instructors	2,100	4,200	
1 Instructor	1,980	1,980	
1 "	1,860	1,860	
1 "	1,500	1,500	
1 Assistant Instructor . .	1,152	1,152	
1 " " . .	972	972	
			29,388

Grammar and Primary Schools.

Second Grade.

51 Masters	at $3,100	$158,100	
2 "	2,820	5,640	
4 "	2,700	10,800	
4 Sub-Masters . . .	2,460	9,840	
16 " . . .	2,340	37,440	
7 " . . .	2,220	15,540	
16 " . . .	2,100	33,600	
5 "	1,980	9,900	
3 " . . .	1,860	5,580	
4 " . . .	1,740	6,960	
4 " . . .	1,620	6,480	
1 Sub-master	1,500	1,500	
			301,380

Fourth Grade.

1 First Assistant, Grammar .	at $1,212	$1,212	
74 " Assistants, " .	1,180	87,320	
5 " " " .	1,116	5,580	
2 " " " .	1,068	2,136	
11 " " " .	1,020	11,220	
2 " " " .	972	1,944	
88 Assistants, Grammar . .	904	79,552	
279 " " . .	856	238,824	
40 " " . .	792	31,680	
42 " " . .	744	31,248	
36 " " . .	696	25,056	
58 " " . .	648	37,584	
25 " " . .	600	15,000	
Carried forward,			$651,324

Brought forward,			$651,324
20 Assistants, Grammar . .	at $552	11,040	
55 First Assistants, Primary .	1,032	56,760	
4 " " " .	984	3,936	
5 Assistants, Primary . .	936	4,680	
16 " " . .	888	14,208	
260 " " . .	856	222,560	
31 " " . .	792	24,552	
40 " " . .	744	29,760	
31 " " . .	696	21,576	
59 " " . .	648	38,232	
20 " " . .	600	12,000	
18 " " . .	552	9,936	
50 Temporary Teachers, 100 days . .		10,000	
40 Special Assistants, 100 days . .		6,000	
Additional compensation for Training Teachers		5,000	
			1,038,596
Manual Training Schools.			
Carpentry, 1 Principal . .	at $2,508	$2,508	
18 Assistants . .	996	17,928	
1 Assistant . .	948	948	
2 Assistants . .	900	1,800	
5 " . .	852	4,260	
1 Assistant . .	804	804	
Cookery, 1 Principal . .	1,500	1,500	
4 Assistants . .	856	3,424	
3 " . .	792	2,376	
2 " . .	744	1,488	
1 Assistant . .	696	696	
4 Assistants . .	648	2,592	
3 " . .	600	1,800	
2 " . .	552	1,104	
Sewing, 41 Instructors, 354 Divisions .		26,986	
			70,214
Special Grade.			
School on Spectacle Island:			
Instructor			400
High Schools:			
3 Assistants in Modern Languages			4,500
Horace Mann School:			
1 Principal		$2,880	
1 Assistant Principal		1,368	
12 Assistants		12,168	
			16,416
Carried forward,			$1,781,450

Brought forward,		$1,781,450
Music:		
1 Instructor, High Schools . . .	$2,640	
3 Assistants, Grammar Schools . .	7,920	
4 " Primary Schools . .	3,552	
		14,112
Drawing:		
Director	$3,000	
Assistant Director	2,508	
Master, Evening Drawing Schools, and Assistant	2,000	
2 Assistants	3,000	
		10,508
Chemistry:		
Girls' High, 1 Instructor . . .	$1,620	
" " 1 Laboratory Assistant .	804	
		2,424
Physical Training:		
Director	$3,000	
Assistant	2,280	
		5,280
Vocal and Physical Training and Reading:		
Girls' High, 1 Instructor . . .	$900	
Roxbury High, 1 Instructor . . .	1,200	
Girls' Latin, 1 Instructor . . .	900	
Brighton High, 1 Instructor . . .	700	
		3,700
Military Drill:		
Instructor	$2,000	
Armorer	1,050	
		3,050
Evening High School:		
Head-master, 22 weeks	$1,100	
2 Assistants in charge, 66 evenings .	660	
36 Assistants, 22 weeks	15,840	
Clerk	440	
		18,040
Evening Elementary Schools:		
7 Principals, 22 weeks	$3,850	
4 " 22 weeks	1,760	
10 First Assistants, 22 weeks . . .	2,750	
102 Assistants, 22 weeks	22,440	
		30,800
Evening Drawing Schools:		
2 Masters, 66 evenings . . .	$1,320	
3 Principals, 66 evenings . . .	1,584	
18 Assistants, 66 evenings . . .	7,128	
4 Assistants, 66 evenings . . .	1,320	
5 Curators	660	
		12,012
Carried forward,		$1,881,376

Brought forward,			$1,881,376
Kindergartens:			
Director		$2,880	
47 Principals	at $792	37,224	
9 "	744	6,696	
4 "	696	2,784	
4 "	648	2,592	
2 "	600	1,200	
15 Assistants	624	9,360	
18 "	576	10,368	
14 "	528	7,392	
15 "	480	7,200	
4 "	432	1,728	
Special Assistant service		200	
			89,624
Total for Instructors			$1,971,000

SALARIES OF OFFICERS.

Superintendent	$4,200
Six Supervisors, at $3,780	22,680
Secretary	3,100
Auditing Clerk	3,300
Assistants in offices, School Department	8,812
Copyist	1,008
Messengers	2,700
19 Truant Officers	25,200
Total for Officers	$71,000

SALARIES OF JANITORS.

Janitors of 11 High Schools	$19,000
" " 57 Grammar Schools	62,500
" " 119 Primary Schools	54,000
" " 35 Special and Evening Schools	7,400
" " School Committee Rooms	2,400
Additional for washing floors, etc.	2,700
Total for Janitors	$148,000

FUEL, GAS, AND WATER.

16,000 tons of coal, at $5.25 (including weighing)	$84,000
250 cords of wood (including splitting and housing)	3,000
Gas and electric lighting	9,000
Water	11,000
Total for Fuel, Gas, and Water	$107,000

SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS.

Text-books, Reference books, Exchange of books	$54,000
Books for supplementary reading	8,000
Annual festival	2,700
Globes, maps, and charts	1,200
Music expenses: instruments, repairs, and covers	3,000
Printing, and stock used for same, including reports of School Committee meetings	7,700
Philosophical, chemical, and mathematical apparatus and supplies	4,600
School census	1,700
Stationery, drawing materials, and record books	29,000
Diplomas, blackboard erasers, etc.	2,800
Advertising	500
Military drill: arms, repairs, and expenses of annual parade	1,100
Removing ashes from school-houses, and snow from yards	2,000
Flags for school-houses	800
Janitors' and other supplies	5,500
Supplies for manual training	7,900
Materials for Kindergartens (including maid service),	3,500
Cost of work for delivering supplies, including salaries, expenses of teaming, repairing apparatus, etc.	7,800
Tuition Boston pupils in Brookline schools	1,500
Car and ferry tickets, Horace Mann School (refunded by State)	2,700
Travelling expenses of Truant Officers	500
Materials for study of Natural History, including stereopticon slides	1,000
Horse and carriage expenses, carriage-hire, and refreshments	1,200
Miscellaneous, including sewing materials, teaming, extra labor, postage, car and ferry tickets, printing and type-setting in Horace Mann School, extra clerk-hire, and sundry items	2,889
Total for Supplies and Incidentals	$153,589

SCHOOL-HOUSES, REPAIRS, ETC.

Rents and taxes	$30,000
Heating-apparatus	30,000
Gas-fitting and plumbing	15,000
Carried forward,	$75,000

Brought forward,	$75,000
Masonry	30,000
Plastering and whitening	5,000
Painting and glazing	25,000
New furniture and repairs of old	30,000
Carpentry and lumber	35,000
Roofing and gutters	10,000
Blackboards	5,000
Salaries	6,000
Iron and wire work	2,000
Cartage	2,000
Auxiliary Fire Alarm, rental and repairs	4,000
Electric-light fixtures	2,000
Locks and bells	2,000
Fire-escapes and repairs	1,500
Board and shoeing of horses	1,000
Repairs of carriages and harnesses	500
Printing, stationery, and postage	500
Flag-staffs	1,000
Fire-extinguishers and hose	1,000
Ventilators and repairs	7,000
Disinfectants	1,500
Miscellaneous	3,000
Total Public Buildings, School Expenses	$250,000

RECAPITULATION.

Salaries of instructors	$1,971,000
Salaries of officers	71,000
Salaries of janitors	148,000
Fuel, gas, and water	107,000
Supplies and incidental expenses	153,589
Alterations and repairs on school buildings, and temporary accommodations for school purposes	250,000
Total amount appropriated	$2,700,589

No. 2. *Ordered,* That the Board of Assessors be notified that the School Committee has appropriated under chapter 400 of the Acts of 1898 the sum of $2,700,589 for the support of the public schools for the present financial year. Of this amount $2,664,589 should be included by their Board in the total amount to be raised by taxation, and the balance, $36,000, has

been appropriated from the estimated income to be received during the year.

The Chair stated that under the Statute Order No. 1 required a two-thirds yea and nay vote, for approval.

Order No. 1 passed unanimously, by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Anderson, Bassett, Bateman, Bowdlear, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell, McDonald, Nichols, Paul, and Strange. — 22.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mrs. Ames and Mr. Fleischer.

Order No. 2 passed unanimously, by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Anderson, Bassett, Bateman, Bowdlear, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell, McDonald, Nichols, Paul, and Strange. — 22.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mrs. Ames and Mr. Fleischer.

On motion of Mr. Allen, it was

Order surrendering Webb School-house to City Council rescinded.

Ordered, That the vote of this Board whereby it was ordered, on April 28, 1896, that the Webb School-house, on Porter Street, East Boston, be surrendered to the City Council, with the recommendation that the building and land be sold, and that the proceeds of the same be applied to an appropriation for the purchase of a lot of land for a site for a High School-house in East Boston, be and hereby is rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Allen, it was

Order surrendering Austin School-

Ordered, That the vote of this Board whereby it was ordered, on Feb. 12, 1895, that the Austin School-

house, on Paris street, East Boston, be surrendered to the City Council, with the request that the property be sold and the proceeds of such sale be appropriated for furnishing of new school-houses, be and hereby is rescinded.

house to City Council rescinded.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on Normal School, offered the following:

Ordered, That the graduating exercises in the Normal School be held on Saturday, June 25, 1898.

Date of graduating exercises of Normal School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That improved heating and sanitary arrangements be provided for the Sherwin School-house during the summer vacation.

Heating and sanitary arrangements to be furnished Sherwin School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Courtney, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to give early consideration to the matter of repairs to be done during the summer vacation upon the school buildings in the Fifth Division, and to afford an opportunity to the various masters to present to them the needs of the several school-houses under their charge.

Repairs to be made on school buildings in Fifth Division.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Burrill presented the following:

To the School Board of Boston:

In accordance with a vote of the English High School Association, passed at their annual meeting, May 11, 1898, the undersigned respectfully petition the School Board of Boston to erect a flag-pole on the English High School building, Montgomery street.

SAMUEL B. CAPEN, *President.*
WILLIAM H. MORIARTY, *Secretary.*

Petition from English High School Association; flag-pole for English High School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Death of Margaret A. Badger.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, reported the death of Margaret A. Badger, late assistant, Girls' High School.

Accepted.

Mr. Calderwood offered the following:

Examination for admission to High Schools.

Ordered, That in addition to the examination which is to take place on the Tuesday and Wednesday following the first Monday in September next, of applicants for admission to the High Schools, an examination of such applicants be held on Friday and Saturday, June 24 and June 25, 1898.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following:

Date fixed for graduating exercises of Dillaway School.

Ordered, That the Dillaway School be closed for the summer vacation on Thursday, June 23, 1898, and that its graduating exercises be held on Friday, June 24, 1898.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Calderwood presented the following:

Petitions for readjustment and increase of salaries paid to High, Latin, and Normal School assistants.

To the School Committee:

The High, Latin, and Normal School assistants respectfully present to your honorable body a petition for readjustment of their salaries, to the effect that existing inequalities may be lessened.

With the petition we herewith also present for your consideration a list of taxpayers who have signified their approval of the petition we have the honor to address to you, and we send some of the letters written by them in order to show the cordial sympathy expressed for our movement. We also send the unanimous endorsement of our petition by head-masters of High Schools in which women are employed.

EMMA G. SHAW,
ELIZABETH E. HOUGH,
MARION A. HAWES,
Committee.

Accompanying the foregoing communication were

1. A petition signed by seventy-two High and Latin

School assistants and ten Normal School assistants, that the present disparity in the salaries paid them and junior-masters in High Schools be lessened.

2. A petition signed by nine Normal School assistants, for an increase of salary.

3. Communications signed by the head-masters of the Normal School and of seven High Schools, and by eighty-nine citizens and taxpayers, endorsing the petitions referred to.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Graduates of Normal, High, and Latin Schools excused from attending annual school festival.

Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on Annual School Festival, offered the following:

Ordered, That the graduates of the Normal, Latin, and High Schools be excused from attending the annual school festival this year.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Supplies; flag furnished Gilbert Stuart School. [See p. 36.]

Mr. Davison, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — Feb. 8, 1898 — a communication from the City Council to the effect that a flag be furnished the Gilbert Stuart School, reported that the school named has been supplied with a flag, and that no further action is necessary.

Accepted, and ordered to be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Davison offered the following preamble and resolves:

Vote of censure of Charles Fleischer. [See p. 242.]

Whereas, At the regular meeting of the Board on April 26, 1898, Charles Fleischer, a member hereof, publicly characterized the administration of their trust by the Evening School Committee of the year 1897 as "rotten," and stated his ability and purpose to adduce proof of gross official misconduct on the part of one member of said committee, but at that time and place in no way indicated in what acts or omissions said misconduct and rottenness consisted; and

Whereas, This Board then and there passed the following vote:

"That Mr. Fleischer be directed to put his statements with reference to misconduct and mismanagement on the part of the Evening

School Committee in clear, written form, showing specific charges against individual members of that committee, at once, and that in the lack of such charges the Board do hereby censure him for such statement with reference to the committee, and especially with regard to the Chairman of that committee;" and

Whereas, On April 27, 1898, there was published in a daily newspaper of Boston an alleged interview with said Fleischer in which he repeated, in general terms, his charge of official misconduct, though limiting it to Isaac F. Paul, Chairman of said committee, and asserting that he would have specific reasons for his charge ready to present at the next regular meeting of this Board, the accuracy and authorization of which interview the said Fleischer has not disclaimed in this Board; and

Whereas, At the next regular meeting of this Board, on May 10, 1898, the said Fleischer utterly neglected and failed to present any specifications of misconduct on the part of the said Evening School Committee for the year 1897, or of Isaac F. Paul, Chairman thereof, or any reasons for his said charge, and absolutely neglected and failed to offer any evidence in support of, or any explanation or excuse for, the making of said charge, but remained then and still remains silent thereto; and

Whereas, It was the manifest duty of said Fleischer to the public, one of whose elected servants he has traduced, to this Board, whose committee he has in general terms charged with corruption, to the member whose character and conduct he has assailed, to specify the particular acts or omissions which he has thus publicly characterized as "rotten," and to press for appropriate investigation and action by this Board, if said charge was by him made in good faith; and

Whereas, The silence and inaction of said Fleischer under these circumstances leaves this Board no alternative but to infer that said charge was made by him falsely and maliciously, and with no purpose of serving the public interest or of exposing and remedying any abuse or evil existing or believed by the said Fleischer to exist; and

Whereas, This Board believes and knows that for the said charge there is no basis whatsoever, and knows that the said Evening School Committee for the year 1897, and every member thereof, discharged their trust with entire fidelity:

Now, therefore, it is resolved, That this Board hereby expresses its full confidence in the said Evening School Committee for the year 1897, and in each and every member thereof, and asserts that the administration of the Evening Schools of this city by this Board through said committee was conducted efficiently, economically,

and with an eye single to the public interest, and was in all particulars entitled to the confidence and respect of this Board and of the city.

And it is

Resolved, That this Board expresses hereby its strong condemnation of the gross disregard of sound ethics and good manners shown by the said Fleischer in making against a committee or member of this Board a groundless and false charge which the said Fleischer neither seeks to have investigated nor yet withdraws and apologizes for.

Mr. Paul moved that the preamble and resolves be laid on the table.

Passed.

Reports of Committee on Rules and Regulations. Amendments to Rules and Regulations. [See pp. 54–109; 138–199.]

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom were recommitted — May 10 — the revised Rules and Regulations, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended by striking out everything after the first section and substituting therefor the various sections as contained in the Minutes of March 22, 1898, pages 143 to 199, inclusive, with the following changes, omissions, and additions:

Section 2. At the meeting for organization, each year, the Board shall elect, by ballot, a Secretary, an Auditing Clerk, a School-house Agent, and a Messenger, each of whom may be removed at the pleasure of the Board. The President shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Board, standing committees, each consisting of five members, as follows: On Accounts; Courses of Study and Text-books; Hygiene and Physical Training; Legislative Matters; Rules and Regulations; Salaries; School Houses; New Buildings; Supplies; Evening Schools; and Truant Officers. The President shall be a member of two of the committees referred to in this section, but shall not be chairman of any of them.

Sect. 4. The President shall, subject to the approval of the Board, assign one or more members of the Board as

visitors of each of the several districts into which the Grammar and Primary Schools are divided; of the Normal School; of the Latin and High Schools; of the Kindergartens; of the Horace Mann School for the Deaf; and of the classes in Drawing; in Music; and in Manual Training.

SECT. 34. The Committee on Rules and Regulations:

1. Shall take into careful consideration every proposition to establish, to repeal, or to amend any rule or regulation, and shall report in writing, stating their reasons for or against such rule, regulation, or proposed alteration; and no such proposition shall be adopted by the Board until after it has been referred to this committee, reported upon, and afterwards read at two different meetings of the Board.

2. Shall report all changes in the Rules and Regulations so as to give in full the wording of the section or paragraph as amended.

3. Shall see that the Rules and Regulations are properly and consistently enforced, and report to the Board such cases of violation as they may deem necessary.

SECT. 36. The Committee on New Buildings:

1. Shall as herein provided have general supervision over the construction of all new school buildings, and of additions to old buildings.

2. Shall consider the fitness of locations for school-houses, and, after consultation with the Superintendent and the proper principal, submit to the Board such reports and recommendations relating thereto as they shall deem proper.

3. Shall advertise for school-house sites, receive proposals, and give public hearings with reference to the selection thereof, and perform the other duties prescribed in section 1 of chapter 202 of the Acts of 1897.

4. Shall nominate to the Board an architect or architects to design plans and supervise the construction of buildings to be erected, or upon which additions are to be made; but the services of the School-house Agent shall, so far as practicable, be availed of in such work.

5. Shall prepare plans for the erection of new school buildings, or for additions to old school buildings, and after such plans shall have been approved in writing by the Superintendent and the School-house Agent shall submit the same to the Board for its approval, together with careful estimates of the cost of the proposed new buildings and the additions to old buildings.

6. Shall consider and report upon temporary accommodations for school purposes, and shall have authority in

cases of immediate and pressing necessity, after consultation with the Superintendent and the appropriate master and visitor, to provide such accommodations; all such contracts to be reported to the Board at its first meeting after the making of the same.

7. Except in case of pressing necessity for temporary accommodations the committee shall not make or authorize a contract of any kind until it has been approved by the Board.

8. Shall annually in the month of December, after consultation with the School-house Agent, report to the Board in detail the expenditures made during the year for new school-house accommodations, with their opinion as to the condition and adequacy of existing school-house accommodations and recommendations as to future needs.

9. Shall report in writing upon all propositions for changes in district lines before they are acted upon by the Board.

SECT. 37. The Committee on School Houses:

1. Shall, as herein provided, have general supervision of the care, repair, furnishing, warming, cleaning, and ventilation of the several school-houses.

2. Shall not make or authorize any contract, except as provided in the following paragraph, for a sum exceeding $500 until it has been approved by the Board.

3. Shall, at the first meeting of the Board in June of each year, submit for approval separate estimates of such expenditures as this committee recommend to be made during July and August, and, after the approval of such estimates, may, during said months, authorize contracts and necessary changes therein, in accordance with such estimates, which contracts and changes shall be valid without submission to and approval by the Board; but, so far as practicable, contracts for all work to be done during July and August shall be submitted by this committee to the Board for approval before the adjournment for vacation.

4. Shall, subject to the approval of the Board, appoint and discharge the janitors of the several school-houses, and make such regulations as they deem necessary for their government, such rules to be printed and distributed to the principals of the schools and janitors.

5. Shall propose to the Committee on Salaries a scale for the compensation of janitors, which compensation shall be in full for all services rendered.

SECT. 38. Both the Committee on New Buildings and the Committee on School Houses:

1. Shall cause bids for all contracts, the estimated

amount of which exceeds $500, to be solicited by advertisement in the "City Record," such advertisement to state the time and place for opening the proposals in answer to said advertisement, and reserving in such advertisement the right of the committee to reject any or all proposals.

2. Shall require every such bid to be accompanied by a suitable bond, certified check, or deposit of money for the faithful performance of such proposal and shall keep all such proposals unopened until the time fixed in the notice for their opening, shall at such time open the proposals, and thereafter keep them and allow the public to inspect the same.

3. Shall not, after the execution thereof, alter any contract except by a writing signed by the School-house Agent, by the contractors, and by the sureties on the bonds, whenever their liability may be affected by such alteration; but no such alteration involving an additional expense of more than $100 shall be made until it has been approved by the Board.

4. Shall see that all contracts are faithfully performed and all penalties properly enforced for breaches of contract, unless the Board, on report of the committee, shall otherwise order.

5. Contracts shall in all cases be awarded to the lowest bidder, unless the Board shall, on report of the committee, for good cause shown, otherwise order.

Sect. 37. Renumber the section 39.

Sect. 38. Renumber the section 40.

Sect. 39. Strike out the words "including school furniture," in the second line of paragraph 1.

Strike out the words "School-house Agent and," in the third and fourth lines of paragraph 4.

Strike out paragraph 8.

Renumber the section 41.

Sect. 40. Amend paragraph 1 to read as follows: "Shall have the general supervision of the subjects of hygiene, physical training, and military drill in all the schools."

Renumber the section 42.

Sect. 41. Renumber the section 43.

Sect. 42. Renumber the section 44.

Sect. 45. The Commitee on Evening Schools:

Shall have the general supervision and visitation of the Evening Schools; and in the month of April they shall make a written report to the Board of the condition of the schools, together with such recommendations as to their conduct as they may deem expedient.

SECT. 43. Renumber the section 46.

SECT. 44. Renumber the section 47.

SECT. 48. Each standing committee shall keep a record book in which shall be entered the names of members present at each meeting and a brief abstract of the proceedings. These books shall be kept on file in the office of the Secretary, and shall be open to the inspection of the Superintendent and members of the Board.

SECT. 45. Renumber the section 49.

SECT. 46. Amend the section to read as follows: "It shall be their duty to bring to the attention of the proper committee, the Superintendent, or other proper officer, all matters which, in their judgment, require criticism or suggestion."

Renumber the section 50.

SECT. 51. They shall arbitrate in cases of difficulty between instructors and parents; but the parties may appeal to the Board if they so desire.

SECT. 52. The visitors of the respective schools or districts affected may, by written permits, transfer pupils from one school or district to another.

SECT. 59. Strike out the word "three," in the second line of the second paragraph, and insert in place thereof the word "two."

SECT. 107. Insert after the words "school-houses," in the second line, the words "and of the Committee on New Buildings."

CHAPTER X. Strike out the chapter.

SECT. 128. Strike out the word "he," in the third line, and substitute in place thereof the word "they."

SECT. 147. Strike out the word "elected," in the eighth line, and substitute in place thereof the word "appointed."

SECT. 252. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the third and fourth lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "Visitors of the schools or districts affected as provided in Section 52."

SECT. 257. Renumber the section 258.

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Insert the following section:

SECT. 257. The principals of districts shall be required to furnish pupils for manual-training classes in accordance with the requirements of the course of study, except where sufficient equipment is not provided. It shall be the duty of the principals also to see that pupils are punctual and regular in their attendance, and are not excused from any lesson without imperative reason.

Whenever classes are detained, prompt notice shall be sent to the teachers.

SECT. 305. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the third line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Committee on Evening Schools." Paragraph 4. Strike out the paragraph.

SECT. 309. Strike out the words "Superintendent," in the third, in the tenth, and in the nineteenth lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "Committee on Evening Schools."

SECT. 310. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the third line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Committee on Evening Schools."

SECT. 313. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the first line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Committee on Evening Schools."

SECT. 315. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the third line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Committee on Evening Schools." Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the fifth line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Chairman of the Committee on Evening Schools."

SECT. 316. Insert after the word "The," in the first line, the words "Board of." Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the eighth line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Chairman of the Committee on Evening Schools."

SECT. 320. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the fifth and sixth lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "Committee on Evening Schools."

SECT. 326. Strike out the words "Superintendent," in the third and in the seventh lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "Committee on Evening Schools."

CHAPTER XXV. Strike out the chapter.

CHAPTER XXVI. Renumber the chapter XXV.

CHAPTER XXVII. Runumber the chapter XXVI.

SECT. 350. Strike out the word "chief," in the first line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Committee on Truant Officers."

SECT. 351. Insert after the word "shall," in the first line, the words "subject to the approval of the Board."

Mr. Anderson stated that two members of the committee dissented from this report, and presented the following minority report, signed by himself:

When this committee first considered the proposed revision of the Rules and Regulations I argued in committee that the recommendation of the appointment, transfer, and removal of teachers, and of the courses of study, should be made by the Board of Supervisors,

rather than by the Superintendent alone. I was unable to convince the committee that my position was correct, and yielded my opinion so far as not to dissent from a report embodying what seemed as a whole a desirable reform. Maturer consideration, together with the counsel of persons whose experience and ability entitle their judgment to great weight, has so strengthened the view I have from the beginning held that on these points I am constrained to dissent. I shall not here set forth in detail the arguments for my position, but one or two points may well be stated.

1. It is not expedient or wise to abandon a system which has been tried and not found wanting for an untried system, which in practical operation may probably work in quite a different way from that anticipated by its authors. About one year ago the majority of this Board thought that the system of selecting teachers through Division Committees, without a regularly required report from the Board of Supervisors, had in practice demonstrated itself defective, and should be abandoned. Accordingly, the Rules were so amended as to require the Board of Supervisors, in all cases of the appointment, transfer, and removal of teachers, to make recommendations which should be reported to the full Board. This system is now working well; no defect or abuse has been pointed out; no practical reasons for a change exist; if there is any reason for a change it rests in theory, pure and simple. I prefer the teachings of experience to the arbitrary dogmas of theory.

2. But from the standpoint of theory alone I maintain that, at least, in a large city like Boston, the recommendations should come from the Board of Supervisors as a whole, and not from their Chairman, the Superintendent, alone. It is universally conceded that their advice should be sought and mainly followed by the Superintendent, if he should be the sole recommending power. To make him solely responsible, then, is to hold him accountable for judgments not of his own, but of other people; this is neither just nor expedient.

Again, the deliberation and discussion incident to an administration by a Board of seven constitute an important safeguard against hasty or ill-advised appointments.

Again, it is much more difficult for persons endeavoring to use political or personal influence in behalf of candidates not the best to embarrass or control a Board of seven, whose ballots may probably be secret, the result only being known, than it is to embarrass or control a single man. The life of a Superintendent, under the proposed Rules, would be very miserable and, officially, very short; he cannot do his duty without making numerous enemies, and enemies are always more active and vociferous than friends, not to say than a passive and non-observant public.

3. The arguments in magazine articles as to the beauties of one-man power, written mainly by men exercising or desirous of exercising the autocratic government which they so laud and magnify, do not convince me that a method of administration from whose abuses the human race has for centuries struggled to extricate itself should now be readopted, because the fallibility of human nature has remained evident in democratic institutions. In New England we have been brought up under the town-meeting system of government, and our people believe in the fundamental principles of that system, where it is practicable to apply them. One-man power has never been a part of that system, but in decisions by Boards composed of several the people of New England habitually acquiesce. It is not sound policy to run counter to the ingrained prejudices and political habits of the community. If the West and South like miniature despotisms in their school administration, let them have them. When they have demonstrated that this method results in an educational system producing men and women better able to cope with the problems of active life, and not merely beautiful from the administrative standpoint, it will be time for us here to endeavor to believe that one man knows more than seven.

4. I have thus far spoken only of the appointment, transfer, and removal of teachers. As to making courses of study, I am unable to see how on any theory this duty falls within the scope of the functions which have been arbitrarily defined as "executive," and therefore said to be properly vested in one man. That one man should make the courses of study for the Boston public schools seems to me too absurd a proposition for argument.

I therefore offer the following amendments, the result of which is to transfer the power of making recommendations as to the appointment, transfer, and removal of teachers, and of courses of study, from the Superintendent alone to the Board of Supervisors as a whole. If these amendments are adopted, the Superintendent is still the executive head of the School Department, and the Supervisors are in many respects the assistants to the Superintendent. Under the Rules as I would have them the Superintendent would have all the power any one man could well exercise.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended by striking out everything after the first section and substituting therefor the various sections as contained in the Minutes of March 22, 1898, pages 143 to 199 inclusive, with the changes, omissions, and additions as suggested in the report of the majority of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, and with the following additional amendments to said revised sections:

SECT. 14. Insert after the word "Superintendent," in the third line, the words "as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors."

SECT. 58. Strike out after the word "relates" the words "to the appointment, transfer, and removal of instructors and other officers." Strike out after the word "plans," in the fifth line, the words "and to recommendations to the Board or other relations with it."

SECT. 59. Strike out the section.

SECT. 60. Strike out the section.

SECT. 61. Renumber the section 59.

SECT. 62. Renumber the section 60.

SECT. 63. Renumber the section 61.

SECT. 64. Renumber the section 62.

SECT. 65. Renumber the section 63.

SECT. 66. Renumber the section 64.

SECT. 67. Renumber the section 65.

SECT. 68. Renumber the section 66.

SECT. 74. Renumber the section 80.

SECT. 75. Renumber the section 81.

SECT. 76. Renumber the section 74.

SECT. 77. Renumber the section 75.

Insert the following section:

SECT. 76. They shall recommend to the Board the appointment, transfer, and removal of all directors, principals, and other instructors, provided that in the case of subordinate instructors the principal of the school, if any, to which the action relates, shall be consulted, and also the appropriate director if the action relates to his department.

They may appoint temporary teachers for a term not exceeding two months, such appointments to be reported to the Board at the meeting next following, but this period shall not be extended or renewed without the approval of the Board.

Insert the following section:

SECT. 77. They shall take into careful consideration every proposal to change the courses of study, and no such proposal shall be acted upon by the Board until it has been reported upon by them. No programme of a special study shall be put into use in any school until it has been considered and reported upon by them and approved by the Board.

Insert the following section:

SECT. 79. They may also propose to the Board or its committees such legislation or action concerning the schools as they may deem expedient. All reports or propositions of the Board of Supervisors shall be transmitted through the Superintendent.

SECT. 125. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the second line of the second paragraph, and substitute in place thereof the words "Board of Supervisors."

SECT. 129. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the third line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Board of Supervisors." Strike out the words "he may order the Board of Supervisors to," in the fourth and fifth lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "they may."

SECT. 138. Strike out the words "Superintendent," in the second and eighth lines, and insert in place thereof the words "Board of Supervisors."

SECT. 139. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the second line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Board of Supervisors." Strike out the words "he deems," in the third and fourth lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "they deem."

SECT. 141. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the sixth line, and insert in place thereof the words "Board of Supervisors."

SECT. 142. Strike out the words "Superintendent," in the thirteenth and fourteenth lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "Board of Supervisors." Strike out the word "He," in the sixteenth line, and substitute in place thereof the word "They."

SECT. 143. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the third line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Board of Supervisors."

SECT. 144. Strike out the words "Superintendent," in the twenty-third and twenty-fourth and in the twenty-fifth lines, and insert in place thereof the words "Board of Supervisors." Strike out the word "his," in the twenty-seventh line, and insert in place thereof the word "their."

SECT. 159. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the eighteenth line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Board of Supervisors." Strike out the word "he," in the eighteenth line, and substitute in place thereof the word "they." Strike out the word "his," in the twentieth line, and substitute in place thereof the word "their." Strike out the word "he," in the twenty-first line, and substitute in place thereof the word "they."

SECT. 160. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the second line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Board of Supervisors."

SECT. 166. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the first line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Board of Supervisors."

SECT. 185. Strike out the words "Superintendent," in the first and eighth lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "Board of Supervisors."

SECT. 248. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the second line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Board of Supervisors."

SECT. 253. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the sixth line, and insert in place thereof the words "Board of Supervisors."

SECT. 266. Strike out the words "Superintendent," in the second and third and in the sixth lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "Board of Supervisors."

SECT. 311. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the second line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Board of Supervisors."

Mr. Anderson also presented the following minority report, signed by Mr. Gallivan:

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, dissents from the views of the committee with regard to the removing of janitors from the supervision of the Committee on Accounts, the abolishment of the Committee on High Schools, and the discontinuance of the Division Committees. I therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended by striking out everything after the first section and substituting therefor the various sections as contained in the Minutes of March 22, 1898, pages 143 to 199 inclusive, with the following changes, omissions, and additions:

SECT. 2. At the meeting for organization, each year, the Board shall elect by ballot a Secretary, an Auditing Clerk, a Schoolhouse Agent, and a Messenger, each of whom may be removed at the pleasure of the Board. The President shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Board, standing committees, each consisting of five members, as follows: On Accounts; Courses of Study and Textbooks; Hygiene and Physical Training; Legislative Matters; Rules and Regulations; Salaries; School Houses; New Buildings; Supplies; Evening Schools; and Truant Officers. The President shall be a member of two of the committees referred to in this section, but shall not be chairman of any of them.

SECT. 3. Strike out the section.

SECT. 4. Strike out the section.

SECT. 5. Renumber the section 6.

SECT. 6. Renumber the section 7.

Insert the following section:

SECT. 3. The city shall be divided into districts, comprising a Grammar School, a certain number of Primary Schools, and a Kindergarten or Kindergartens, as the Board shall designate, each district taking the name of the Grammar School. The several districts shall be grouped in divisions, as follows: No. 1, the schools of East Boston; No. 2, of Charlestown; No. 3, Bowdoin, Eliot, Hancock, Phillips, and Wells Districts; No. 4, Brimmer, Prince, Quincy, and Winthrop Districts; No. 5, Dwight, Everett, Franklin, Hyde, and Sherwin Districts; No. 6, the schools of South Boston; No. 7, of Roxbury, except the Lowell District; No. 8, of West Roxbury and Brighton, and the Lowell District; No. 9, of Dorchester.

Insert the following section:

SECT. 4. The President shall appoint, each year, subject to the approval of the Board, a committee for each division, of five members. At the same meeting he shall also appoint a Committee on High Schools, consisting of five members. The President shall be included, *ex officio*, as a member of the Committee on High Schools, and of the committee of the division in which he resides.

Insert the following section:

SECT. 5. The member first named on any committee shall be the chairman thereof; except that the Committee on High Schools and each Division Committee shall elect its own chairman. The President shall, subject to the approval of the Board, fill vacancies on committees when they occur.

SECT. 34. The Committee on Rules and Regulations:

1. Shall take into careful consideration every proposition to establish, to repeal, or to amend any rule or regulation, and shall report in writing, stating their reasons for or against such rule, regulation, or proposed alteration; and no such proposition shall be adopted by the Board until after it has been referred to this committee, reported upon, and afterwards read at two different meetings of the Board.

2. Shall report all changes in the Rules and Regulations so as to give in full the wording of the section or paragraph as amended.

3. Shall see that the Rules and Regulations are properly and consistently enforced, and report to the Board such cases of violation as they may deem necessary.

SECT. 35. Add the following paragraph to the section:

7. Shall appoint the janitors for the several school-houses, make such rules as they deem necessary for their government, and fix their compensation; and may discharge them, subject to the approval of the Board. The compensation of janitors shall be in full for all services rendered.

SECT. 36. The Committee on New Buildings:

1. Shall as herein provided have general supervision over the construction of all new school buildings, and of additions to old buildings.

2. Shall consider the fitness of locations for school-houses, and, after consultation with the Superintendent and the proper principal, submit to the Board such reports and recommendations relating thereto as they shall deem proper.

3. Shall advertise for school-house sites, receive proposals, and give public hearings with reference to the selection thereof, and perform the other duties prescribed in section 1 of chapter 202 of the Acts of 1897.

4. Shall nominate to the Board an architect or architects to design plans and supervise the construction of buildings to be erected, or upon which additions are to be made; but the services of the School-house Agent shall, so far as practicable, be availed of in such work.

5. Shall prepare plans for the erection of new school buildings or for additions to old school buildings, and after such plans shall have been approved in writing by the Superintendent and the School-house Agent shall submit the same to the Board for its approval, together with careful estimates of the cost of the proposed new buildings and the additions to old buildings.

6. Shall consider and report upon temporary accommodations for school purposes, and shall have authority in cases of immediate and pressing necessity, after consultation with the Superintendent and the appropriate master and Division Committee, to provide such accommodations; all such contracts to be reported to the Board at its first meeting after the making of the same.

7. Except in case of pressing necessity for temporary accommodations the committee shall not make or authorize a contract of any kind until it has been approved by the Board.

8. Shall annually in the month of December, after consultation with the School-house Agent, report to the Board, in detail, the expenditures made during the year for new school-house accommodations, with their opinion as to the condition and adequacy of existing school-house accommodations and recommendations as to future needs.

9. Shall report in writing upon all propositions for changes in district lines before they are acted upon by the Board.

SECT. 37. The Committee on School Houses:

1. Shall, as herein provided, have general supervision of the care, repair, furnishing, warming, cleaning, and ventilation of the several school-houses.

2. Shall not make or authorize any contract, except as provided in the following paragraph, for a sum exceeding $500 until it has been approved by the Board.

3. Shall, at the first meeting of the Board in June of each year, submit for approval separate estimates of such expenditures as this committee recommend to be made during July and August, and after the approval of such estimates may, during said months, authorize contracts and necessary changes therein, in accordance with such estimates, which contracts and changes shall be valid without submission to and approval by the Board; but, so far as practicable, contracts for all work to be done during July and August shall be submitted by this committee to the Board for approval before the adjournment for vacation.

SECT. 38. Both the Committee on New Buildings and the Committee on School Houses:

1. Shall cause bids for all contracts, the estimated amount of which exceeds $500, to be solicited by advertisement in the "City Record," such advertisement to state the time and place for opening the proposals in answer to said advertisement, and reserving in such advertisement the right of the committee to reject any or all proposals.

2. Shall require every such bid to be accompanied by a suitable bond, certified check, or deposit of money for the faithful performance of such proposal and shall keep all such proposals unopened until the time fixed in the notice for their opening, shall at such time open the proposals, and thereafter keep them and allow the public to inspect the same.

3. Shall not, after the execution thereof, alter any contract except by a writing signed by the School-house Agent, by the contractors, and by the sureties on the bonds, whenever their liability may be affected by such alteration; but no such alteration involving an additional expense of more than $100 shall be made until it has been approved by the Board.

4. Shall see that all contracts are faithfully performed and all penalties properly enforced for breaches of contract, unless the Board on report of the committee shall otherwise order.

5. Contracts shall in all cases be awarded to the lowest bidder, unless the Board shall, on report of the committee, for good cause shown, otherwise order.

SECT. 37. Insert after the word "Board," in the third line, the words "except janitors." Renumber the section 39.

SECT. 38. Renumber the section 40.

SECT. 39. Strike out the words "including school furniture," in

the second line of paragraph 1. Strike out the words "School-house Agent and," in the third and fourth lines of paragraph 4. Strike out paragraph 8. Renumber the section 41.

SECT. 40. Renumber the section 42.

SECT. 41. Renumber the section 43.

SECT. 42. Renumber the section 44.

SECT. 43. Renumber the section 46.

SECT. 44. Renumber the section 47.

Insert the following section:

SECT. 45. The Committee on Evening Schools:

1. Shall have the general supervision and visitation of the Evening Schools; and in the month of April they shall make a written report to the Board of the condition of the schools, together with such recommendations as to their conduct as they may deem expedient.

SECT. 45. Strike out the section.

SECT. 46. Strike out the section.

Insert the following section:

SECT. 48. The Committee on High Schools shall perform the same duties, observe the same rules, and exercise the same rights so far as they are applicable to their schools as are prescribed for committees in their supervision of the Grammar Schools. They shall have the general supervision of the instruction in military drill.

Insert the following section:

SECT. 49. The member first named on the High School and each Division Committee shall call a meeting for organization within ten days after its appointment, at which meeting a chairman and secretary shall be chosen. The Secretary of the Board shall be furnished with a statement of such organization as soon as it is completed. The division committees shall have charge of the Grammar, Primary, and Kindergarten Schools of their respective divisions, and they shall visit them and the other schools of the city as often as practicable.

Insert the following section:

SECT. 50. Committees in charge may make any temporary arrangement, not contrary to the Regulations, which the welfare of the schools or the teachers may require; they shall advise instructors in any emergency, and arbitrate in cases of difficulty between them, or between instructors and parents; but the parties may appeal to the Board if they so desire.

Insert the following section:

SECT. 51. Meetings of standing and division committees shall be called on not less than twenty-four hours' notice, provided that, when

all the members of any committee are present, a meeting may be held without notice, and the proceedings of the same shall be duly recorded.

Insert the following section:

SECT. 52. Each standing and division committee shall keep a record book in which shall be entered the names of members present at each meeting and a brief abstract of the proceedings. These books shall be kept on file in the office of the Secretary, and shall be open to the inspection of the Superintendent and members of the Board.

SECT. 59. Strike out the word "three," in the second line of the second paragraph, and substitute in place thereof the word "two."

SECT. 107. Insert after the words "School Houses," in the second line, the words "and of the Committee on New Buildings."

CHAPTER X. Strike out the chapter.

SECT. 128. Strike out the word "he," in the third line, and substitute in place thereof the word "they."

SECT. 147. Strike out the word "elected," in the eighth line, and substitute in place thereof the word "appointed."

SECT. 196. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the fifth and sixth lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "committee in charge, and mention it in his next monthly report to the Superintendent." Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the tenth line, and substitute in place thereof the words "committee in charge."

SECT. 198. Strike out the words "School Houses," in the second and in the seventh lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "Accounts."

SECT. 217. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the fourth and fifth lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "committee in charge."

SECT. 236. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the last line of the section, and substitute in place thereof the words "committee in charge."

SECT. 246. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the seventh line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Division Committee." Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the twelfth line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Division Committees."

SECT. 251. Strike out the section.

SECT. 252. Strike out the section, and substitute in place thereof the following:

SECT. 252. No pupil shall be admitted to or retained in any school except that of the district in which such pupil lives without the

written consent of the division Committee; when the school the pupil desires to attend is in a different division from the one to which he belongs, the written consent of both division committees shall be required.

SECT. 257. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the fourth and fifth lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "Division Committee." Renumber the section 258.

SECT. 258. Renumber the section 259.

SECT. 259. Renumber the section 260.

Insert the following section:

SECT. 257. The principals of districts shall be required to furnish pupils for manual-training classes in accordance with the requirements of the course of study, except where sufficient equipment is not provided. It shall be the duty of the principals also to see that pupils are punctual and regular in their attendance, and are not excused from any lesson without imperative reason. Whenever classes are detained, prompt notice shall be sent to the teachers.

SECT. 269. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the third line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Committee on High Schools."

SECT. 270. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the first line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Committee on High Schools." Strike out the word "him," in the fifth line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Committee on High Schools." Strike out the word "his," in the sixth line. Add the following words to the section: "of the same committee."

SECT. 273. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the third line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Committee on High Schools."

SECT. 305. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the third line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Committee on Evening Schools." Paragraph 4. Strike out the paragraph.

SECT. 309. Strike out the words "Superintendent," in the third, in the tenth, and in the nineteenth lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "Committee on Evening Schools."

SECT. 310. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the third line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Committee on Evening Schools."

SECT. 313. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the first line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Committee on Evening Schools."

SECT. 315. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the third line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Committee on Evening Schools." Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the

fifth line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Chairman of the Committee on Evening Schools."

SECT. 316. Insert after the word "The," in the first line, the words "Board of." Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the eighth line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Chairman of the Committee on Evening Schools."

SECT. 320. Strike out the word "Superintendent," in the fifth and sixth lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "Committee on Evening Schools."

SECT. 326. Strike out the words "Superintendent," in the third and in the seventh lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "Committee on Evening Schools."

CHAPTER XXV. Strike out the chapter.

CHAPTER XXVI. Renumber the chapter XXV.

CHAPTER XXVII. Renumber the chapter XXVI.

SECT. 350. Strike out the word "chief," in the first line, and substitute in place thereof the words "Committee on Truant Officers."

SECT. 351. Insert after the word "shall," in the first line, the words "subject to the approval of the Board."

Mr. Anderson moved the suspension of the rule requiring that amendments to the Rules and Regulations shall be read at two different meetings of the Board, before they are finally acted upon, in order that immediate action might be taken with regard to the revised rules under consideration.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to suspend the rule.

The motion to suspend the rule was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bassett, Bateman, Burrill, Coolidge, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Hubbard, Huggan, and Lowell. — 12.

Nays: Messrs. Allen, Bowdlear, Calderwood, Davison, Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Nichols, Paul, and Strange. — 10.

Absent: Mrs. Ames and Mr. Fleischer.

Mr. Anderson moved that the minority report signed by him be substituted for the majority report.

Mr. Anderson moved that his motion to substitute, together with the majority and minority reports, be laid on the table, and the consideration of the whole matter specially assigned to the next meeting, at eight o'clock.

Passed.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Thanks of Board extended to Mrs. Charles C. Smith.

Ordered, That the gift of Mrs. Charles C. Smith to the Lucretia Crocker School, consisting of a frieze and of a picture, be accepted, and that the thanks of this Board be extended to Mrs. Smith for her most generous donation, and also for the substantial interest she has previously shown in this school.

Report of Committee on Normal School; Commonwealth to assume charge of Normal School. [See p. 222.]

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the special report of the Committee on the Normal School (School Document No. 4, 1898) was taken from the table.

Mr. Courtney moved the acceptance of the report.

Mr. Anderson moved that the following orders be substituted for the report of the committee:

Discontinuance of Boston Normal School.

Ordered, That on and after the first day of September, 1899, the Boston Normal School be discontinued.

Commonwealth to assume charge of Normal School.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the State Board of Education of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts be informed that it is the sense of this Board that a Normal School in lieu of the Normal School now maintained by the city of Boston should be established and maintained in this city by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion to substitute.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the Superintendent was requested to give his opinion on the matter.

Opinion of Superintendent.

The Superintendent stated that he did not think he could add anything to the arguments set down in the report of the Committee on the Normal School. He had been steadily of the opinion that it would be an unfortunate mistake to give up the Normal School. If the State should establish a Normal School in or near this

city there would still be a need of special training for the better fitting of State Normal School graduates to teach in the Boston schools. Other cities, notwithstanding the existence of State Normal schools, have found city training schools a necessity. And a city training school is only our Normal School under another name. The number of teachers now coming from outside the city is considerable, and, taking them grade by grade, the number of failures among them is about the same as among the graduates of our Normal School. The failures come mainly, not from lack of scholarship, but from defects of temperament and personality. These defects when serious are not removed by any sort of professional training.

Opinion of Supervisor Conley.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, Supervisor Conley was requested to give his opinion on the matter.

Mr. Conley expressed his opinion as being in favor of the surrender of the Normal School to the State.

Mr. Paul moved the previous question.

Passed.

Mr. Anderson's motion to substitute passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Bateman, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Gallivan, Hubbard, Lowell, Nichols, and Paul. — 13.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Bowdlear, Courtney, Eaton, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, and Strange. — 9.

Absent: Mrs. Ames and Mr. Fleischer.

The orders offered by Mr. Anderson passed.

Reconsideration.

Mr. Paul moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the orders with reference to the discontinuance of the Normal School were declared passed, hoping the same would not prevail.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 14, 1898.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Ames and Mr. Bassett.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the records of the last meeting were amended on page 309 by substituting his name in place of Mr. Anderson's, as the member on whose motion the Superintendent was requested to give his opinion with regard to the surrender of the Boston Normal School to the Commonwealth.

Records amended.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed, as amended.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; flag for Adams-street School-house.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 9, 1898.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide a flag for the Adams-street School-house, Ward 24.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 9, 1898.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, June 13, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communications from members of Society of St. Vincent de Paul; additional school accommodations, Bates District.

CITY OF BOSTON.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, June 3, 1898.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, ESQ., *Secretary School Committee, Boston:*

DEAR SIR: I refer to you for consideration by the School Committee a communication addressed to me.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor.

(Enc.)

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
BOSTON, May 6, 1898.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, *Mayor of Boston:*

DEAR SIR: At the monthly meeting of this Society, last night, one of the Conference presidents spoke of the inadequate accommodations for children of school age in the Bates District, giving his opinion that the children who should be at school, and are not at school, by reason of having no school to go to, are certainly learning nothing good on the streets, and he felt it a duty to call the attention of the Society to it, in the hope that a respectful appeal might be made to the proper authority to furnish sufficient accommodations for the children, and remove them from the danger and temptations of the streets.

I asked Mr. Wise to state in writing what he had in mind, and enclose the same herewith, for such action as you deem proper in the matter.

Respectfully yours,

THOMAS F. RING,
President.

MAY 6, 1898.

THOMAS F. RING, ESQ.:

SIR, AND DEAR BROTHER: In response to your request of last evening I give you the name of Annie White, past six years, living with her parents, at 13 Norwich street, since last August. Her father informed me this morning that there was no room for her at the Bates School, that being the school of the district where they reside; and further, the father reports that thirty children are waiting for an opportunity to be admitted. It occurred to me that where there are so many in waiting, temporary quarters might be secured by the proper authorities, thus affording a benefit to children so circumstanced.

I would be pleased to confer with you on this matter.

Awaiting your pleasure, I am

Very truly yours,

in St. Vincent de Paul,

JAMES F. WISE.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Council; appropriation made by City Council for public schools rescinded.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, MAY 16, 1898.

Ordered, That the items in the annual appropriation order appropriating money for the support of the public schools, namely:

"School Committee:

"Alteration and repairs on school buildings, to be expended by the Public Buildings Department, and temporary accommodations for school purposes $170,000 00

"Other current expenses 2,300,000 00

"$2,470,000 00"

be and the same hereby is rescinded.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence. May 19, came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor May 23, 1898.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,

Asst. City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; appropriations for current financial year.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, June 14, 1898.

To the School Committee:

I think it proper to state that my reason for allowing the order making the appropriations for the schools for the current financial year, as passed by your body under the provisions of chapter 400 of the Acts of 1898, to take effect without action on my part, was that it did not seem practicable, so long after the beginning of the financial year, when expenditures had already gone so far, to raise questions as to the propriety of any of the items of your appropriations through disapproving them. It therefore seemed to me best to let your appropriation order take effect at the expiration of ten days without my signature, in order that, on the one hand, expenditures incurred might not at this late day be interfered with, and that, on the other hand, it might not be inferred that I had assented through

signing the whole appropriation order to the propriety of each and every item contained in it. This leaves the whole matter of school appropriations open to be dealt with next year.

I need not call attention to the necessity the School Committee is now under, of keeping absolutely within the limit of expenditure fixed by the Legislature. There is absolutely no way now of meeting any deficit, or authority to incur one.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Clerk of Committees; use of school-houses for entertainments, July 4, 1898.

CITY OF BOSTON.
CLERK OF COMMITTEES DEPARTMENT,
CITY HALL, May 31, 1898.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, ESQ., *Secretary School Committee:*

DEAR SIR: Will you kindly arrange to give the Committee on Fourth of July the use of the following-named school-houses for children's entertainments on July 4, 1898, viz.:

Emerson, Blackinton, Frothingham, Hancock, Eliot, Wells, Phillips, Quincy, Franklin, Rice, Lawrence, Lincoln, John A. Andrew, Sherwin, Hyde, Martin, Comins, Lowell, Hugh O'Brien, Roxbury High, Robert G. Shaw, Minot, Harris, Tileston, Henry L. Pierce, and the High School Drill Hall for dancing.

Please arrange to have the necessary instructions given for opening the above school buildings, and oblige

Yours very truly,

JOHN H. DEVER,
Clerk of Committees.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Clerk of Committees; use of school-houses for entertainments, July 4, 1898.

CITY OF BOSTON.
CLERK OF COMMITTEES DEPARTMENT,
CITY HALL, June 8, 1898.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, ESQ., *Secretary School Committee:*

DEAR SIR: The Committee on Children's Entertainments have decided to abandon the use of the Wells, Phillips, Franklin, and Rice School-houses, and to substitute the Dudley School-house for the Hyde, and to add the Shurtleff School-house, South Boston, to the list. If you will kindly get the desired permission from the

Committee on School Houses, so that we can go ahead with the printing of tickets, you will greatly oblige

Yours very truly,
JOHN F. DEVER,
Clerk of Committees.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

BOSTON, May 28, 1898.

Petition from Societies and Chapters of the War of the Revolution and War of 1812, to adorn walls of corridors and class-rooms of Paul Revere School-house.

To the School Committee, City of Boston:

The undersigned, representing the Societies and Chapters of the War of the Revolution and the War of 1812, respectfully petition your honorable body that permission be granted us to adorn the walls of the corridors and class-rooms of the

PAUL REVERE SCHOOL,

with such pictures and casts as may serve to instil patriotism and love for country in the hearts of the pupils, besides commemorating the deeds of the sterling patriots who secured to their posterity and the world the blessings of liberty.

ALICE F. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Walter Gilman Page,
Sons of the Revolution.
Sarah E. Hunt,
State Society, D.R.
Georgiana B. Withington,
Mary Warren Chapter, D.R.
Mary C. Alline,
Bunker Hill Chapter, D.A.R.
Floretta Vining,
John Adams Chapter, D.A.R.
Mrs. Eben Howes,
Paul Revere Chapter, D.A.R.
Mrs. David Hall Rice,
Isaac Gardner Chapter, D.R.
Mary A. Tucker,
Peter Faneuil Chapter, D.R.
Mary C. Alline,
U.S. Daughters of 1812.
Mrs. Edward Standish Robinson,
Hannah Goddard Chapter, D.A.R.
Charles F. Ropes,
Old Salem Chapter, S.A.R.
Mrs L. A. L. Morrison,
Old North Church Chapter, D.A.R.
Mrs. Samuel Eliot,
Warren and Prescott Chapter, D.A.R.
Mrs. I. F. Miller,
State Committee, D.A.R.
Hon. Edwin Shepard Barrett,
President-General, S.A.R.

Referred to the Committee on Drawing.

Report of Committee on Nominations;

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the nomination of Edwin P. Seaver for Super-

candidate for Superintendent of Schools.

intendent of Public Schools, for the term beginning Sept. 1, 1898, and ending Aug. 31, 1900.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. McDonald and Nichols, a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13.

Edwin P. Seaver elected Superintendent of Schools.

Edwin P. Seaver had 19 votes, and was accordingly declared elected Superintendent of Public Schools for the term of two years, beginning Sept. 1, 1898.

Report of Committee on Nominations; candidates for supervisors.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, reported the following nominations of candidates for supervisors for the term beginning Sept. 1, 1898, and ending Aug. 31, 1900:

Ellis Peterson, Robert C. Metcalf, George H. Conley, George H. Martin, Walter S. Parker, Sarah L. Arnold.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Allen, Coolidge, and Eaton a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13.

Ellis Peterson, Robert C. Metcalf, George H. Conley, George H. Martin, Walter S. Parker, Sarah L. Arnold, elected supervisors.

Ellis Peterson had 18 votes; Robert C. Metcalf had 18 votes; George H. Conley had 18 votes; George H. Martin had 18 votes; Walter S. Parker had 17 votes; Sarah L. Arnold had 18 votes.

Ellis Peterson, Robert C. Metcalf, George H. Conley, George H. Martin, Walter S. Parker, and Sarah L. Arnold, having received the necessary number of votes required under the rules to elect, were declared elected

supervisors for the term of two years, from Sept. 1, 1898.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, presented the following reports, those coming under the provisions of section 81 of the Rules being in accordance with the written recommendations of the Board of Supervisors: Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Boys' Latin School. — Grenville C. Emery, master, Aug. 31, 1898. Resignation of instructors.

East Boston High School. — Mabel C. Chaplin, teacher of physical training, June 30, 1898.

Hancock District. — Mary F. Malone, assistant, Primary School, Aug. 31, 1898.

Martin District. — Sarah W. Moulton, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1898.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Bowdoin District. — Ellen A. Dillingham, from April 11, 1898. Special assistants.

Chapman District. — Eliza M. Warren, from May 13, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Bunker Hill District. — Marcella C. Coyle, assistant, Grammar School, from June 21, 1898. Temporary teachers.

Dudley District. — Edith E. Knowlton, assistant, Primary School, from April 11, 1898.

Quincy District. — Evelyn E. Kelley, assistant, Grammar School, from June 21, 1898.

Kindergartens.

Boylston Chapel. — Lilian Hooper, assistant, from June 1, 1898.

B. F. Tweed School. — Mary E. Cochran, assistant, from June 7, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

George Putnam District. — E. Florence Fisher, assistant, Primary School, from May 9, 1898.

Wells District. — Mary J. Jenkins, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from May 16, 1898.

Yeoman-street Kindergarten. — Frances S. Tufts, assistant, from April 25, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Hancock District. — Fanny L. Rogers, assistant, Grammar School.

Lawrence District. — Martha J. Krey, assistant, Primary School.

Lincoln District. — Jennie M. Pray, assistant, Grammar School.

Thomas N. Hart District. — M. Edna Cherrington, assistant, Primary School.

Schools of Cookery. — Julia T. Crowley, instructor.

Manual Training Schools. — Sigrid Cederroth, assistant instructor.

Kindergartens.

Stephen M. Weld School. — Celeste B. Cooper, assistant.

Thomas N. Hart School. — Clara G. Locke, assistant.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committee in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teacher,

for the term specified, and the substitute named was approved by the Board:

Chapman District. — Lucy E. Woodwell, assistant, Grammar School, from May 4, 1898, until July 1, 1898; Mary A. Lynch, substitute.

Leave of absence to teacher; substitute approved.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors, and of the committees in charge, reported for reëlection the following-named principals of schools, and Director of Drawing:

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of principals of schools, and Director of Drawing.

To serve during the pleasure of the School Committee:

Eliot District. — Granville S. Webster, master.

Rice Training School. — Lincoln Owen, master.

Thomas N. Hart District. — John F. Dwight, master.

For the term ending Aug. 31, 1899:

Brighton High School. — John C. Ryder, head-master.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Charles W. Parmenter, head-master.

Bigelow District. — J. Gardner Bassett, master.

Charles Sumner District. — Loea P. Howard, master.

Martin District. — Edward P. Sherburne, master.

Minot District. — F. Morton King, master.

Prescott District. — William H. Furber, master.

Director of Drawing. — James Frederick Hopkins.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

Ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Bateman, Burrill, and Davison a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13.

To serve during the pleasure of the School Committee:

Principals of schools and Director of Drawing reëlected.

Eliot District. — Granville S. Webster, master, had 19 votes.

Rice Training School. — Lincoln Owen, master, had 19 votes.

Thomas N. Hart District. — John F. Dwight, master, had 19 votes.

For the term ending Aug. 31, 1899:

Brighton High School. — John C. Ryder, head-master, had 19 votes.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Charles W. Parmenter, head-master, had 19 votes.

Bigelow District. — J. Gardner Bassett, master, had 19 votes.

Charles Sumner District. — Loea P. Howard, master, had 19 votes.

Martin District. — Edward P. Sherburne, master, had 19 votes.

Minot District. — F. Morton King, master, had 19 votes.

Prescott District. — William H. Furber, master, had 19 votes.

Director of Drawing. — James Frederick Hopkins had 18 votes.

The principals of schools and Director of Drawing as reported by the committee, having received the necessary number of votes under the rules to elect, were declared reëlected for the terms specified, to date from Sept. 1, 1898.

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of Instructor of Military Drill.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors and of the Committee on High Schools, reported the following nomination for reëlection for the term ending Aug. 31, 1899:

Instructor of Military Drill. — Erasmus M. Weaver, Jr.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot for Instructor of Military Drill. Ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Lowell, Hubbard, and Aldrich a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 21; necessary for a choice under the statute, 14. There were two blanks.

Erasmus M. Weaver, Jr., had 19 votes, and was accordingly declared reëlected for the term ending Aug. 31, 1899: Erasmus M. Weaver, Jr., reëlected Instructor of Military Drill.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors and of the Committee on High Schools, reported the following nomination for reëlection for the term ending Aug. 31, 1899: Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of armorer.

Armorer. — Charles H. Reardon.

Accepted, and the nomination unanimously confirmed.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors and of the Committee on High Schools, reported for reëlection the following-named instructors: Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of teachers of physical training.

For the term ending Aug. 31, 1899:

Teacher of Physical Culture, Roxbury High School. — Mary Hubbard.

On probation:

Teacher of Physical Training, Brighton High School. — Eleanor J. O'Brien.

Teacher of Physical Training, Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools. — Ruth B. Whittemore.

Teacher of Physical Training and Reading, Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools. — M. Eloise Talbot.

Accepted, and the nominations unanimously confirmed.

Report of Committee on Nominations; election of instructors.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, submitted, in print, a report nominating for reëlection, to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee, and for the term ending Aug. 31, 1899, the subordinate teachers of the several Normal, High, Latin, Grammar, Primary, and Kindergarten Schools, and the special teachers of special schools and special subjects; the terms of service to date from Sept. 1, 1898. (See School Document No. 5, 1898.)

Appended to the report were the following orders:

1. *Ordered*, That teachers with higher ranks than the rules allow be authorized for the school year 1898–99 as follows: One sub-master in the Bennett District; one sub-master in the Henry L. Pierce District; one sub-master in the Lewis District; one sub-master in the Mather District; one sub-master in the Quincy District; one sub-master in the Washington Allston District; one first assistant, Grammar School, in the Christopher Gibson District; one first assistant, Grammar School, in the Emerson District; one first assistant, Grammar School, in the Longfellow District; one first assistant, Grammar School, in the Robert G. Shaw District; one first assistant, Primary School, in the Dwight District; and one first assistant, Primary School, in the Rice Training School.

2. *Ordered*, That ungraded classes be allowed in the following-named districts, as stated: Agassiz, two; Bigelow, three; Brimmer, two; Comins, two; Dearborn, two; Dudley, two; Eliot, eleven; Franklin, two; Hancock, eight; Henry L. Pierce, two; John A.

Andrew, two; Lawrence, four; Lyman, two; Norcross, three; Phillips, four; Quincy, two; Sherwin, two; Shurtleff, two; Wells, three.

3. *Ordered*, That the nomination of teachers for reëlection, to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee, and for the term ending Aug. 31, 1899, as contained and specified in School Document No. 5, 1898, be confirmed.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the report was amended as follows:

Insert the following words under "West Roxbury High School," on page 9: To serve during the pleasure of the School Committee: Junior master: George F. Partridge.

Strike out after the words "For term ending Aug. 31, 1899," the words "Junior master: George F. Partridge."

Rules suspended.

Orders 1 and 2 passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Order 3 passed.

Death of Grace H. Skilton.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, reported the death of Grace H. Skilton, late assistant, B. F. Tweed School.

Accepted.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of Sarah T. Whitmarsh, Ellen M. Murphy, and Mabel M. Winslow.

Ordered, That the following-named principals of Kindergartens be placed on the second year's salary of their rank from their respective dates: Sarah T. Whitmarsh, from Oct. 17, 1897; Ellen M. Murphy, from April 1, 1898; Mabel M. Winslow, from April 25, 1898.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Use of school-houses for children's entertainments, July 4, 1898. [See p. 314.]

Ordered, That the City Council be granted the use of the following school-houses for children's entertainments, July 4, 1898, provided that the regular janitors of said school-houses be employed at the expense of the City Council to take charge of the buildings on that day: Emerson, Blackinton, Frothingham, Hancock, Eliot, Quincy, Lawrence, Lincoln, John A. Andrew, Sherwin, Dudley, Martin, Comins, Lowell, Hugh O'Brien, Roxbury High, Robert G. Shaw, Minot, Harris, Tileston, Henry L. Pierce, Shurtleff, and the High School Drill Hall for dancing.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Approval of plans and specifications for new Dorchester High School-house.

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for a High School-house, Dorchester, prepared by Hartwell, Richardson, & Driver, Architects, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said Hartwell, Richardson, & Driver are hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on School Houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications, and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Accompanying the plans and specifications was the written approval of the Superintendent as follows:

Boston Public Schools,
Superintendent's Office, June 14, 1898.

To the Committee on School Houses:

Sirs: I have examined with care the plans and specifications for the proposed Dorchester High School-house, said plans having been

made and said specifications having been prepared by Hartwell, Richardson, & Driver, Architects, at 62 Devonshire street, Boston. These plans consist of thirty-one (31) blueprints of drawings. They and the specifications are hereby approved by me.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Report of Committee on School Houses; petition from English High School Association; flag-pole for English High School-house. [See p. 287.]

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 24 — a petition from the English High School Association that a flag-pole be erected on the English High School building, Montgomery street, reported that the matter has been duly attended to.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Board of Street Commissioners requested to take land for enlargement of Bailey-street School-house lot, Dorchester.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for the enlargement of the lot of the Bailey-street School-house, Dorchester, a parcel of land adjoining said lot, belonging to the Mary R. Cleaves estate, and bounded and described as follows; viz.: southwesterly by land now or formerly of James Reid, about one hundred and forty-five feet; northwesterly by Bailey street, about sixty-eight feet; northeasterly by land of the city of Boston, about one hundred forty-seven feet; southeasterly by land now or formerly of Albert T. Sinclair and Michael Walsh, about sixty-eight feet; containing twelve thousand square feet, more or less.

Report of Committee on School Houses; site for new Grammar School-house in vicinity of Lewis and Hugh O'Brien Districts.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, reported that after giving the question of accommodations in the Lewis and Hugh O'Brien Districts longer consideration, they believe it wise to ascertain, more definitely than they have been able to as yet, the cost of obtaining a suitable site within those districts for a new Grammar School-house, as compared with the expense of enlarging the

Quincy-street lot, and erecting thereon an addition to the present building. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be directed to advertise for proposals for selling to the city a lot of land in Roxbury, containing about twenty-five thousand (25,000) square feet, for a site for a new Grammar School-house, within the territory bounded approximately by Warren street, Gaston street, Lawrence avenue, Magnolia street, Wayland street, Hartford street, Brookford street, and Woodbine street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 202 of the Acts of 1897; and said committee are hereby authorized to give a hearing as provided for by said act, and make a report thereon to this Board.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; room in Bigelow School-house to be wired for electric lights.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 10 — an order that one room in the Bigelow School-house be wired for electric lighting, for stereopticon use, reported that your committee have duly attended to this matter, and no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Salary of Mabel L. Warner.

Ordered, That Mabel L. Warner, assistant in the Roxbury High School, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her rank, to date from Oct. 5, 1898.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Edith A. Parkhurst. [See p. 239.]

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 26 — an order that Edith A. Parkhurst, assistant in the Roxbury High School, be placed upon the seventh year of service in her rank, reported that the committee have given the matter consideration, and recommend the passage of the appended order:

Ordered, That Edith A. Parkhurst, assistant in the Roxbury High School, be placed upon the eighth year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 1, 1898.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to John D. Philbrick. [See p. 257.]

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 10 — an order that there be paid to John D. Philbrick the sum of one hundred fifty dollars ($150) for extra services performed in the Evening Schools during the term 1897–98, reported that your committee have given the matter careful attention, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That there be paid to John D. Philbrick the sum of one hundred dollars ($100) for extra services performed in the Evening Schools during the term 1897–98.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of William R. Morse, junior-master, Latin School. [See p. 241.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 26 — an order that the anniversary of William R. Morse, junior-master in the Public Latin School, be made coincident with his annual salary increase, reported that your committee have given the subject careful consideration, and are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to take any action on the order referred.

Accepted.

Mr. McDonald presented the following petition:

Petitions from A. B. Heath, Elizabeth J. Woodward, *et als.*, requesting a hearing relative to abolishing Boston Normal School.

BOSTON, MASS., May 25, 1898.

To the Boston School Committee, Boston, Mass.:

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, citizens of Boston, believing that the maintenance of the Boston Normal School as an integral part of the school system of Boston is necessary for its highest efficiency, respectfully desire to protest against its abolishment, and ask your Board to rescind its vote abolishing the Normal School, and that a hearing be given to citizens of Boston interested in the subject. In a matter of such gravity we think the interested citizens should have an opportunity to be heard before final action is taken.

A. B. HEATH,
and one thousand sixty-seven others.

The Chair presented a similar petition signed by Elizabeth J. Woodward and Josephine Gay.

Referred to the Committee on the Normal School.

Mr. McDonald presented the following petition:

Petition from Anna B. Manning *et als.*, requesting a hearing relative to abolishing Boston Normal School.

BOSTON, MASS., June 10, 1898.

To the Boston School Committee, Boston, Mass.:

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned citizens of Boston respectfully ask your Board to grant a hearing in the autumn to persons interested in the question of the maintenance or abolishment of the Boston Normal School, believing that in a matter of such gravity there should be opportunity for free discussion and expression of opinion before final action be taken.

ANNA B. MANNING,
and eleven others.

Referred to the Committee on the Normal School.

Special assignment; revised Rules and Regulations. [See p. 309.]

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the special assignment, being the consideration of the revised Rules and Regulations, together with his motion to substitute the minority report presented by him for the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations (see Minutes, page 309), was taken from the table.

The Chair stated the question was on substituting the minority report presented by Mr. Anderson for the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion to substitute.

Mr. Anderson's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Calderwood, Davison, Nichols, and Paul — 6.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Bowdlear, Burrill, Coolidge, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell, McDonald, and Strange — 16.

Absent: Mrs. Ames and Mr. Bassett.

Mr. Gallivan moved that the minority report presented by him (see Minutes, pp. 301–308) be substituted for the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Anderson moved that the minority report offered by Mr. Gallivan be divided, and separate consideration given to that portion of the report placing the supervision and control of janitors among the functions of the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Lowell raised the point of order that the report must be considered as a whole, and could not be divided.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Mr. Anderson appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The Board sustained the decision of the Chair by a vote of 10 to 8.

The Chair stated the question was on substituting the minority report offered by Mr. Gallivan for the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Anderson moved to amend the minority report by striking therefrom paragraph 7 of section 35 (see Minutes, page 302).

Mr. Lowell raised the point of order that the report could not be amended prior to its acceptance by the Board.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Mr. Anderson appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The Board sustained the decision of the Chair by a vote of 12 to 4.

The Chair stated the question was on substituting the minority report offered by Mr. Gallivan for the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion to substitute.

The motion to substitute was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Bateman, Calderwood, Davison, Eaton, Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Nichols, and Paul — 10.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bowdlear, Burrill, Coolidge, Courtney, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Hubbard, Huggan, Lowell, and Strange — 12.

Absent: Mrs. Ames and Mr. Bassett.

Mr. Anderson moved the passage of the order appended to the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations (see Minutes, pages 291–296).

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order.

Mr. Allen moved that each section of the revised Rules and Regulations be taken up separately.

Passed.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 2.

Mr. Allen moved that section 2 be amended by inserting after the words "Evening Schools," in the tenth line, the words "Normal School; High Schools."

On motion of Mr. Bateman, the motion was divided, the question being taken on amending section 2 by inserting the words "High Schools," in the tenth line.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered on Mr. Allen's motion to amend.

Mr. Allen's motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Bateman, Bowdlear, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Nichols, Paul, and Strange — 17.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Fleischer, Hubbard, Huggan, and Lowell — 5.

Absent: Mrs. Ames and Mr. Bassett.

Mr. Allen moved to amend section 2 by inserting after the words "High Schools" the words "Normal School."

On motion of Mr. Allen, the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion to amend.

Mr. Allen's motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Bowdlear, Calderwood, Courtney, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Nichols, Paul, and Strange — 15. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Burrill, Coolidge, Fleischer, Hubbard, and Lowell — 7.

Absent: Mrs. Ames and Mr. Bassett.

Mr. Allen moved to amend section 2 by inserting after the words "Normal School" the words "Horace Mann School for the Deaf."

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to amend.

Mr. Allen's motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Nichols, Paul, and Strange — 14. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Bowdlear, Burrill, Fleischer, Hubbard, Huggan, and Lowell — 8.

Absent: Mrs. Ames and Mr. Bassett.

Mr. Calderwood moved to amend section 2 by inserting after the words "Horace Mann School for the Deaf" the words "Division Committees."

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to amend.

Mr. Calderwood's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Calderwood, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Nichols, Paul, and Strange — 11. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bateman, Bowdlear, Burrill, Coolidge, Courtney, Fleischer, Hubbard, Huggan, and Lowell — 11.

Absent: Mrs. Ames and Mr. Bassett.

Mr. Paul moved to amend section 2 by striking out, in the third line, the words "a School-house Agent."

On motion of Mr. Paul, the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion to amend.

Mr. Paul's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays. *Yeas:* Messrs. Calderwood, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Nichols, Paul, and Strange — 8.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Anderson, Bateman, Bowdlear, Burrill, Coolidge, Courtney, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, and Lowell — 14.

Absent: Mrs. Ames and Mr. Bassett.

Mr. Paul moved to amend section 2 by inserting after the words "Legislative Matters," in the seventh and eighth lines, the word "Nominations."

On motion of Mr. Paul, the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion to amend.

Mr. Paul's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays. *Yeas:* Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Calderwood, Davison, Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Paul, and Strange — 9.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Bowdlear, Burrill, Coolidge, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Hubbard, Huggan, Lowell, and Nichols — 13.

Absent: Mrs. Ames and Mr. Bassett.

Mr. Gallivan moved that further consideration of the whole matter be specially assigned to the next meeting at eight o'clock.

Passed.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following:

Ordered, That Mary H. Shed be appointed temporary assistant in the Girls' High School, at a salary of three dollars for each day of actual service, from May 13, 1898, until June 27, 1898.

Appointment of Mary H. Shed, temporary assistant, Girls' High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Paul offered the following:

Ordered, That when the Board adjourns, it be to meet on Thursday evening, June 30, at 7.30 P.M.

Adjournment.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The Chair read the following:

Resignation of Mrs. Fifield as member of Committee on Sixth Division.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
ROOMS OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
MASON STREET, June 11, 1898.

MR. H. D. HUGGAN, *President of the School Committee:*

I herewith present my resignation as member of the Sixth Division Committee.

EMILY A. FIFIELD.

Accepted.

The Chair read the following:

Resignation of Thomas F. Strange as Chairman of Committee on Nominations.

BOSTON, MASS., June 14, 1898.

MR. HENRY D. HUGGAN, *President of the Boston School Committee:*

DEAR SIR: I hereby tender my resignation as Chairman of the Committee on Nominations.

Yours truly,
THOMAS F. STRANGE.

Accepted.

The Chair made the following appointments to fill vacancies on committees:

Appointments to fill existing vacancies on committees.

Mr. Eaton, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, and a member of the Committee on the Fourth Division.

Mr. Nichols, a member of the Committee on Nominations, on Manual Training, of the Committee on the First Division, and of the Committee on the Sixth Division.

Mr. Paul, a member of the Committee on Accounts.

The appointments were approved.

Mr. McDonald moved that the orders appended to the report of the Committee on Text Books, and the orders with reference to Stepping Stones to Literature (see Minutes, pp. 270–276), be taken from the table.

Mr. Anderson moved that consideration of these orders be specially assigned to the next meeting, and that they be taken up immediately after the revised Rules and Regulations.

Passed.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following:

Payment to Wallace C. Boyden, master Normal School.

Ordered, That there be paid to Wallace C. Boyden, master of the Normal School, the sum of three hundred sixty dollars ($360) for extra services performed during the year in the Normal School.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Courtney, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Caroline D. Aborn.

Ordered, That there be paid to Caroline D. Aborn, principal of the Training School Kindergarten, the sum of two hundred and forty dollars ($240) for extra services performed during the year in the Normal School.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Courtney offered the following:

Special teacher of French in First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Divisions.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to report their opinion on the advisability of employing a special teacher of French in the Grammar Schools of the Fifth Division.

On motion of various members, the order was successively amended to include the Grammar Schools in the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Divisions.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the order as amended was laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — May 24 — the request of W. Rankin Good *et als.*, of Cincinnati, Ohio, that contributions be solicited in the public schools of this city for the purpose of raising a fund with which tobuild a battleship to replace the "Maine," reported that in the opinion of this committee it is unwise to authorize the solicitation of contributions in the public schools for any purpose. They therefore recommend that the request be not granted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; request of W. Rankin Good *et als.* [See pp. 261, 262.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 24 — the request of the National Maine Monument Committee for the signatures of all the pupils in the public schools of this city, these signatures to be placed in a special vault underneath the monument, and that the children be permitted to contribute to the fund for building the monument if they so desire, reported that your committee do not feel that the signatures of school children are an appropriate tribute to the memory of our sailors on the "Maine," nor do they feel that contributions should be permitted in the public schools for any purpose. For these reasons they recommend that it is inexpedient to grant the request contained in the communication referred.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; request of National Maine Monument Committee. [See pp. 261, 262.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 26 — an order that the Rules and Regulations be amended so as to provide that all applications for the omission of recesses shall be referred to the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, who shall act thereon after consultation with the Superintendent, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the appended order:

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of Rules and Regulations; omission of recesses. [See p. 240.]

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECT. 213. Add the following to the section: All applications for the omission of recesses shall be referred to the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, who shall, after consultation with the Superintendent, report thereon to the Board.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of Rules and Regulations; attendance of Primary pupils during afternoon sessions. [See p. 239.]

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 26 — an order that principals of districts may excuse Primary School pupils under seven years of age from attendance during afternoon sessions when so requested by the parents of such children, reported that your committee have carefully considered the order referred, and are in favor of its adoption. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

Add the following:

SECT. 258. Principals may excuse pupils under seven years of age from attendance during afternoon sessions when so requested in writing by the parents of such children.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second hearing.

Mr. Coolidge offered the following:

Offices of School Committee closed June 18.

Ordered, That the offices of the School Committee be closed Saturday, June 18, 1898.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Calderwood offered the following:

Payment to Hartvig Nissen.

Ordered, That there be paid to Hartvig Nissen, assistant to the Director of Physical Training, the sum of two hundred twenty dollars ($220) for extra services performed during the past year.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Davison moved that the preamble and resolves with regard to the statements made by Mr. Fleischer with reference to misconduct and mismanagement on the part of the Committee on Evening Schools (see Minutes of May 24, pages 289–291) be taken from the table.

Vote of censure of Charles Fleischer. [See pp. 242, 289–291.]

Passed, by a vote of 12 to 1.

Mr. Lowell moved that the preamble and resolves be again laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to lay on the table.

Mr. Lowell's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Coolidge, Courtney, Hubbard, and Lowell — 5.

Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Allen, Anderson, Bateman, Burrill, Calderwood, Davison, Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald and Paul — 11.

Absent or not voting: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bassett, Bowdlear, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Nichols, and Strange.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of the resolves.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, the resolves were taken up separately.

The first resolve was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Anderson, Bateman, Burrill, Calderwood, Davison, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald and Nichols — 12.

Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Coolidge, Courtney, and Lowell — 4.

Absent or not voting: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bassett, Bowdlear, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Paul, and Strange.

On motion of Mr. Burrill, the second resolve was

amended by striking out, in the fifth and sixth lines, the words " and apologizes for."

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of the resolve as amended.

The resolve as amended was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Anderson, Bateman, Burrill, Calderwood, Davison, Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald and Nichols — 11.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Coolidge, Courtney, Hubbard, and Lowell — 5.

Absent or not voting: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bassett, Bowdlear, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Paul, and Strange.

Mr. Bateman offered the following:

Flag-staffs for Bunker Hill and Harvard Grammar School-houses.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to furnish at once flag-staffs for the Bunker Hill and Harvard Grammar School-houses.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Paul, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Use of Tyler-street School-house and wood-working room in Pierpont School-house for vacation schools.

Ordered, That the use of the Tyler-street School-house and the wood-working room in the Pierpont School-house, Hudson street, be granted to the Denison House Association for vacation schools, from July 1, 1898, to Aug. 20, 1898, the same to be without expense to the city.

On motion of Mr. Paul, for the same committee, it was

Members of Boston Normal School of Gymnastics to give instruction in physical training to pupils of Prince School.

Ordered, That the master of the Prince School be authorized to permit members of the Boston Normal School of Gymnastics who may be recommended by the principal of that school, and approved by him, to assist in giving instruction in physical training to the pupils in his school during the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, it was

Ordered, That 2,500 additional copies of the Special Report of the Committee on Normal School (School Document No. 4, 1898) be printed.

Additional copies of Special Report of Committee on Normal School to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Burrill, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 30, 1898.

An adjourned regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Fleischer, and Huggan.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by Mr. Willard S. Allen, the senior member of the Board.

The Chair stated that the first business of the Board would be to elect a President *pro tem.*, by ballot.

Election of President *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Strange, the rules were suspended, and Mr. Willard S. Allen was elected President *pro tem.*

Rules suspended. Willard S. Allen elected President *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, June 20, 1898.

Communication from Board of Aldermen; removal of old buildings on Athelwold street.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to cause the immediate removal of the old and dilapidated buildings now standing on land of the city of Boston, in Athelwold street, Ward 20, the same being a menace to the neighborhood.

Passed. Approved by the Mayor June 21, 1898.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following;

Communication from City Council; school yards open during summer vacation for playgrounds for children.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, June 14, 1898.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to make arrangements for keeping all, or as many as possible, of the school yards open during the summer vacation, for use as playgrounds for children.

Passed in Common Council June 9. Came up for concurrence. Concurred. Approved by the Mayor June 16, 1898.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of vacant lot adjoining Charlestown High Schoolhouse. [See p. 265.]

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, June 28, 1898.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

In compliance with the request contained in your order of May 24, 1898, the Board of Street Commissioners have to-day taken, for school purposes, an addition to the Charlestown High School lot, thirty-two hundred and fifty-five square feet, more or less, of land on Monument square and Cedar street, and their decree of taking has been this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations. [See pp. 240, 335–336.]

SECT. 213. Add the following to the section: All applications for the omission of recesses shall be referred to the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, who shall, after consultation with the Superintendent, report thereon to the Board.

Passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

Add the following section :

SECT. 258. Principals may excuse pupils under seven years of age from attendance during afternoon sessions when so requested in writing by the parents of such children.

Amendment of Rules and Regulations. [See pp. 239, 336.]

Passed.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following reports, those coming under the provisions of section 81 of the Rules being in accordance with the written recommendations of the Board of Supervisors.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Chapman District. — Mary C. Hall, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1898.

Resignations of teachers.

Dearborn District. — Adaline Beal, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 6, 1898.

Mather District. — Anna E. Hoss, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1898.

Cyrus Alger Kindergarten. — Marita M. Burdett, assistant, Sept. 6, 1898.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Dudley District. — Eleanora A. Smith, assistant, Primary School, from June 20 to 24, 1898, inclusive.

Temporary Teachers.

Mather District. — Annie H. Holbrook, Gertrude Newman, assistants, Grammar School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

B. F. Tweed Kindergarten. — Mary E. Cochran, assistant, from June 7, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Bennett District. — Elizabeth R. Bradbury, assistant, Primary School, second year, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Election of teachers on probation.

Dearborn District. — Adaline Beal, first assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Eliot District. — Gardner P. Balch, sub-master, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Evelyn M. Rich, assistant, Primary School, third year, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Tileston District. — Henry E. Loring, sub-master, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Choate Burnham Kindergarten. — Marita M. Burdett, principal, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

George Putnam District. — Mary B. Tenney, assistant, Grammar School.

Longfellow District. — Helen E. Chandler, assistant, Grammar School.

Lyman District. — Leonora E. Scolley, assistant, Grammar School.

Robert G. Shaw Kindergarten. — Ellen G. Earnshaw, assistant.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

Leave of absence.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committee in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teacher:

Charlestown High School. — Elizabeth G. Dowd, assistant, from Sept. 6, 1898, until Jan. 6, 1899.

Report of Committee on Nominations; election of principals of Evening Schools.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors, and of the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated for election the following-named principals of Evening Schools, for the term 1898–99; the term of service of the principals herein nominated to date from Sept. 26, 1898:

Evening High School. — Benjamin Tenney, head-master.

Bigelow School. — John D. Philbrick.

Comins School. — John E. Butler.

Dearborn School. — John S. Richardson.

Eliot School. — Walter Mooers.

Franklin School. — Augustine L. Rafter.

Lincoln School. — Gustavus F. Guild.

Mather School. — Orris L. Beverage.

Quincy School. — Alanson H. Mayers.

Washington Allston School. — John A. Brett.

Wells School. — Charles E. Harris.

On the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors:

Lyman School. — Herbert L. Morse.

Warren School. — Walter L. Harrington.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools:

Lyman School. — Henry H. Folsom.

Warren School. — James H. Leary.

Accepted.

Ballot for principals of Evening Schools.

The Board proceeded to ballot for principals of Evening Schools, excepting the Lyman and Warren Schools.

The Chair appointed Mr. Paul, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Davison a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 17; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13.

Evening High School. — Benjamin Tenney, headmaster, had 17 votes.

Bigelow School. — John D. Philbrick had 17 votes.

Comins School. — John E. Butler had 17 votes.

Dearborn School. — John S. Richardson had 17 votes.

Eliot School. — Walter Mooers had 17 votes.

Franklin School. — Augustine L. Rafter had 17 votes.

Lincoln School. — Gustavus F. Guild had 17 votes.

Mather School. — Orris L. Beverage had 17 votes.

Quincy School.— Alanson H. Mayers had 17 votes.

Washington Allston School. — John A. Brett had 17 votes.

Wells School. — Charles E Harris had 17 votes.

The several principals of Evening Schools, nominated by the committee, having received the necessary number of votes, were accordingly declared elected principals of the several Evening Schools designated.

The Board proceeded to ballot for principal of the Lyman Evening School.

Henry H. Folsom elected principal Lyman Evening School.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Herbert L. Morse had 5 votes; Henry H. Folsom had 13 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of the Lyman Evening School.

The Board proceeded to ballot for principal of the Warren Evening School.

James H. Leary elected principal Warren Evening School.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Walter L. Harrington had 4 votes; James H. Leary had 15 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of the Warren Evening School.

Report of Committee on School Houses; new boilers in Harvard Grammar School-house. [See p. 227.]

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — May 24 — an order that new boilers be placed in the Harvard Grammar building, reported that new boilers for this school-house are now being made, and will be installed at an early date.

Accepted.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 14 — an order requesting them to furnish, at once, flag-staffs for the Bunker Hill and Harvard Grammar School-houses, reported that the matter has received attention, and no further action by the Board is necessary.

Report of Committee on School Houses; flag-staffs for Bunker Hill and Harvard Grammar School-houses. [See p. 338.]

Accepted.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted — March 22 — their report on providing yard accommodations for the Harvard Primary School, reported that your committee have given this matter very careful consideration, and while they appreciate the necessity of providing yard accommodations for this and other Primary Schools, it would seem unwise to take further steps in that direction at the present time, for the reason that there are no funds available for the purpose. Your committee therefore recommend that no further action be taken by the Board.

Report of Committee on School Houses; yard accommodations for Harvard Primary School. [See p. 135.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the use of the King-street School-house be granted to Carleton Hunneman for a vacation school during the months of July and August, the same to be without expense to the city.

Use of King-street Primary School-house as a vacation school.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the plans and specifications prepared by Andrews, Jaques, & Rantoul, Architects, for the grading of the playgrounds of the West Roxbury High School, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and they are hereby approved by this Board, and the Committee on School Houses are

Approval of plans and specifications for grading playgrounds, West Roxbury High School.

hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to grade said playgrounds in accordance with said plans and specifications, and to make, in behalf of this Board, the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Accompanying the plans and specifications was the written approval of the Superintendent, as follows:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, June 30, 1898.

To the Committee on School Houses:

SIRS: I have examined with care the plan and specifications for grading the lot of the West Roxbury High School-house, said plan and specifications having been prepared by Andrews, Jaques, & Rantoul, Architects, at 8 Beacon street, Boston. To this plan and these specifications I hereby give my approval.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Report of Committee on School Houses; use of school yards during summer for playgrounds for children. [See p. 342.]

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 30 — a communication from the City Council, requesting the School Committee to make arrangements for keeping all, or as many as possible, of the school yards open during the summer vacation for use as playgrounds for children, reported that your committee are heartily in favor of providing those children to whom the public parks and playgrounds are inaccessible with facilities for out-of-door play other than the streets, during the summer months, and appreciate the force of the suggestion that the use of school yards should be allowed for such purposes. Your committee feel, however, that suitable restrictions should be enforced, and that neighboring residents should not be subjected to annoyance by such use of school premises. They therefore recommend that the City Council be respectfully informed that the School Committee do

not object to the use of school yards in the more crowded sections of the city as playgrounds during the summer vacation, provided the City Council will assume the responsibility for any damage that may thereby be occasioned to school property, and will take suitable measures to preserve good order; with the distinct understanding that the School Committee expressly reserve the right to terminate at any time, by order of the Committee on School Houses, such use of any or all yards. Your committee also recommend that the City Council be requested to designate the yards which are to be used for the purpose specified.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

Report of Committee on School Houses; inadequate school accommodations, "Bates District." [See pp. 312–313.]

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 14 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing communications from members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul with regard to the inadequacy of the school accommodations in the "Bates District," reported that the matter has been investigated, and recommend that His Honor the Mayor be informed that it is the intention of this committee to provide additional accommodations in September, should they be needed.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Approval of plans and specifications for Primary School, Webster avenue.

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for an eight-room Primary School-house on Webster avenue, prepared by Whitman & Hood, Architects, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said Whitman & Hood are hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and

specifications; and the Committee on School Houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications, and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Accompanying the plans and specifications was the written approval of the Superintendent as follows:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, June 30, 1898.

To the Committee on School Houses:

SIRS: I have examined with care the plans and specifications for the proposed new Primary School-house on Webster avenue, in the Brighton District, said plans having been made, and said specifications having been prepared, by Whitman & Hood, Architects, at 62 Devonshire street, Boston. These plans consist of fifteen (15) blue-prints of drawings. They and the specifications are hereby approved by me.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Approval of plans and specifications of South Boston High School-house.

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for a High School-house, South Boston, prepared by Herbert D. Hale, Architect, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said Herbert D. Hale is hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on School Houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications, and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Accompanying the plans and specifications was the written approval of the Superintendent, as follows:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, June 30, 1898.

To the Committee on School Houses:

SIRS: I have examined with care the plans and specifications for the proposed South Boston High School-house, said plans having been made, and said specifications having been prepared, by Mr. Herbert D. Hale, Architect, at 13 Exchange place, Boston. These plans consist of twelve (12) blue prints of drawings. They and the specifications are hereby approved by me.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Special assignment. Revised Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the special assignment, being the consideration of the revised Rules and Regulations, was taken from the table. (See Minutes, pages 143–199 and pages 291–296.)

Mr. Anderson moved the adoption of section 2 as amended at the last meeting by the addition of a Committee on High Schools, a Committee on the Normal School, and a Committee on the Horace Mann School for the Deaf.

Mr. Paul moved the indefinite postponement of the whole matter.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion to indefinitely postpone.

Mr. Paul's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Calderwood, Davison, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Paul, and Strange — 7.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bassett, Burrill, Coolidge, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Gallivan, Hubbard, Lowell, and Nichols — 12.

Absent: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Fleischer, and Huggan.

Mr. Paul moved that section 2 as amended be temporarily laid on the table.

Lost.

Mr. Gallivan doubted the vote, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to lay on the table.

Mr. Paul's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Calderwood, Davison, Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Nichols, Paul, and Strange — 9.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bassett, Burrill, Coolidge, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Hubbard and Lowell — 10.

Absent: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Fleischer, and Huggan.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 2 of the Rules, as amended.

The section was adopted.

Mr. Anderson moved the adoption of the remainder of the sections contained in the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations presented at the meeting of March 22 (see Minutes, pages 143–199) with the changes, omissions, and additions reported by that committee at the meeting of May 24 (see Minutes, pages 291–296).

On motion of Mr. Paul, the question was divided, and each section of the revised Rules and Regulations was taken up separately.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 3 as printed on page 143 of the Minutes.

Mr. Paul moved that section 3 of the present Rules be substituted for section 3 as reported by the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order that Mr.

Paul's motion could not be entertained, inasmuch as the proposed section was substantially the same as one contained in the minority report of Mr. Gallivan, presented at the meeting of May 24, which the Board had refused to adopt.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

The Chair stated the question was on substituting section 3 of the present Rules for the corresponding section contained in the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion to substitute.

The motion to substitute passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Calderwood, Davison, Eaton, Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Nichols, Paul, and Strange — 10. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bassett, Burrill, Coolidge, Courtney, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Hubbard and Lowell — 9.

Absent: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Fleischer, and Huggan.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of the substitute section offered by Mr. Paul.

The section was adopted, and numbered 3.

Mr. Anderson moved the adoption of section 5 as printed on page 143 of the Minutes as section 4 of the new Rules.

The section was adopted.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 4, as printed on page 143 of the Minutes.

Mr. Paul moved that section 4 of the present Rules be substituted for the corresponding section reported by the Committee on Rules and Regulations, and renumbered 5.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of substitute section 5, as offered by Mr. Paul.

The section was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Anderson moved to substitute section 5 of the present Rules for the section correspondingly numbered in the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations. (See Minutes, page 143.)

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the section proposed by Mr. Anderson was amended by adding thereto section 6, as printed on page 143 of the Minutes.

The section was adopted as amended.

Mr. Paul moved the adoption of section 6 of the present Rules as section 7 of the revised Rules.

Lost by a vote of 8 to 11.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 10, as printed on page 144 of the Minutes.

The section was adopted.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 11, as printed on page 144 of the Minutes.

Adopted unanimously.

Section 12 was adopted.

Mr. Paul moved to amend section 13 by striking out all following the word "present," in the ninth line.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion to amend.

Mr. Paul's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Calderwood, Davison, Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Paul, and Strange — 8.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bassett, Burrill, Coolidge, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Hubbard, Lowell, and Nichols — 11.

Absent: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Fleischer, and Huggan.

Mr. Paul moved to amend section 13 by striking out all following the word "doors," in the second line, to and including the word "Superintendent," in the seventh and eighth lines.

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order that the motion was in substance and effect the same as a motion which had previously been voted upon.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

Mr. Paul's motion to amend was lost.

Mr. Paul moved to amend section 13 by changing the last sentence therein to read as follows:

"No votes shall be taken in executive session except a vote to elect, transfer, or remove a director, principal, or other instructor, or to adjourn."

Lost by a vote of 6 to 11.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 13 as printed on page 144 of the Minutes.

The section was adopted.

Mr. Paul moved to amend section 14 by striking out all following the word "Board," in the seventh line.

Lost.

Mr. Paul moved to amend section 14 by striking out in the sixth and seventh lines the words "and shall be laid over for two weeks before being acted upon by the Board."

Lost.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 14.

The section was adopted.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 15, as printed on page 144 of the Minutes.

Mr. Paul moved that the section be amended by

striking out in the first line the words "approval of the appointment," and substituting in place thereof the word "election."

Lost by a vote of 7 to 10.

Mr. Paul moved that section 15 be amended by striking out in the first line the word "appointment," and substituting in place thereof the word "election."

On motion of Mr. Paul, the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion to amend.

Mr. Paul's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Calderwood, Davison, Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Paul, and Strange —8.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bassett, Burrill, Coolidge, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Hubbard, Lowell, and Nichols — 11.

Absent: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Fleischer, and Huggan.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 15.

The section was adopted.

Sections 16, 17, and 18 were successively adopted.

Section 19 was adopted.

Mr. Paul moved to amend section 20 by adding the following to the section: "Any member who moves to adjourn to a day certain shall assign his reasons therefor."

Mr. Paul's motion to amend was lost.

Section 20 was adopted.

Sections 21, 22, and 23 were successively adopted.

Mr. Gallivan moved that sections 24, 25, 26, and 27 be taken up together.

The foregoing sections were adopted.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 28, as printed on page 146 of the Minutes.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the yeas and nays were ordered on the adoption of this section.

The section was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bassett, Burrill, Calderwood, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Gallivan, Hubbard, Lowell, McDonald, and Nichols — 13.

Nays: Messrs. Allen, Coolidge, Davison, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Paul and Strange — 6.

Absent: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Fleischer, and Huggan.

Sections 29, 33, and 34 were successively adopted.

Section 35 was adopted, the six paragraphs being taken up separately.

Mr. Paul moved that section 35 be amended by adding the following to the section:

"This committee shall appoint the janitors for the several school-houses, make such rules as they deem necessary for their government, and fix their compensation; and may discharge them, subject to the approval of the Board. The compensation of janitors shall be in full for all services rendered."

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order that section 35 had already been adopted by the Board, and therefore could not be amended.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the Board voted to reconsider the vote whereby paragraph 6 of section 35 was declared adopted.

Mr. Paul moved to substitute for paragraph 6 of section 35 the provisions contained in the last paragraph of section 42 of the present Rules.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion to substitute.

Mr. Paul's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Bassett, Calderwood, Davison, Gallivan, Mrs. Keller and Mr. Paul — 7.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Burrill, Coolidge, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Hubbard, Lowell, and Nichols — 10.

Absent or not voting: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Fleischer, Huggan, McDonald, and Strange.

Section 35 was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the vote whereby section 34 as printed in page 146 of the Minutes was declared passed was reconsidered.

Mr. Anderson moved the passage of section 34, as printed on page 292 of the Minutes.

The section was adopted paragraph by paragraph.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 36, as printed on pages 292 and 293 of the Minutes.

Paragraph 1 of section 36 was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Paul, paragraph 2 was amended to read as follows:

"Shall consider the fitness of locations for schoolhouses, and after consultation with the Superintendent and the proper committee, submit to the Board such reports and recommendations relating thereto as they shall deem proper."

Paragraph 2 of section 36 was adopted as amended.

Paragraph 3 of section 36 was adopted.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of paragraph 4 of section 36.

Mr. Paul moved to strike out all following the word "made," in the fourth line.

Lost.

The paragraph was adopted.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of paragraph 5 of section 36.

Mr. Paul moved that the paragraph be amended by striking out the words "and the School-house Agent," in the fourth line of said paragraph.

Lost.

Paragraph 5 of section 36 was adopted.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of paragraph 6 of section 36.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the section was amended to read as follows:

"Shall consider and report upon temporary accommodations for school purposes, and shall have authority in cases of immediate and pressing necessity, after consultation with the Superintendent and the appropriate committee, to provide such accommodations; all such contracts to be reported to the Board at its first meeting after the making of the same."

Paragraph 6 of section 36 was adopted, as amended.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of paragraph 7 of section 36.

Mr. Paul moved to strike out the section.

Lost.

The paragraph was adopted.

Paragraphs 8 and 9 of the same section were successively adopted.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 37 as printed on page 293 of the Minutes.

Paragraph 1 was adopted.

Mr. Eaton moved to substitute in the third line of paragraph 2 for the amount "$500" the amount "$300."

Mr. Gallivan moved to amend Mr. Eaton's amendment by substituting the amount "$50."

Passed.

Paragraph 2 of section 37 was adopted as amended.

Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the same section were adopted.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of paragraph 5 of section 37.

Mr. Gallivan moved to strike out the paragraph.

Mr. Paul called for the yeas and nays on Mr. Gallivan's motion to strike out paragraph 5 of said section.

Lost.

Mr. Gallivan's motion to strike out the paragraph was lost.

Mr. Gallivan doubted the vote, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion to strike out paragraph 5.

Mr. Gallivan's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Davison, Gallivan, Mrs. Keller and Mr. Paul — 5.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bassett, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Hubbard, Lowell, McDonald, Nichols, and Strange — 14.

Absent: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Fleischer, and Huggan.

Mr. Gallivan moved that further consideration of the whole matter be specially assigned to the next regular meeting of the Board, on the second Tuesday in September next.

Lost by a vote of 8 to 11.

Mrs. Keller moved that the matter be laid on the table temporarily.

Lost.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of paragraph 5 of section 37.

Adopted.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 38, as printed on pages 293 and 294 of the Minutes.

Mr. Eaton moved to amend paragraph 1 of said section by inserting in the third line, after the words "City Record," the words "and in at least two daily newspapers published in the city of Boston."

Mr. Eaton's motion to amend passed.

Mr. Paul moved to amend the paragraph by striking out in the third line the words "the 'City Record' and."

Lost.

Mr. Paul moved to substitute in the second line, for the amount "$500," the amount "$2,000."

Lost.

The paragraph was adopted as amended.

Paragraphs 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the same section were successively adopted.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 37, as printed on page 149 of the Minutes.

The section was adopted, and renumbered 39.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 38, as printed on page 149 of the Minutes.

Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4 were successively adopted, and the section renumbered 40.

Mr. Anderson moved that the rules be suspended in order that sections 39 to 45 as printed on pages 150 and 151 of the Minutes might be put on their passage together.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the yeas and nays were ordered on Mr. Anderson's motion to suspend the rules.

Mr. Anderson's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bassett, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Hubbard, Lowell, and Nichols — 12.

Nays: Messrs. Allen, Davison, Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Paul, and Strange — 7.

Absent: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Fleischer, and Huggan.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of

section 39, as printed on pages 149 and 150 of the Minutes, and as amended on page 294 of the Minutes.

The section was adopted as amended, and renumbered 41.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 40, as printed on page 150 of the Minutes.

The section was adopted as amended, and renumbered 42.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 41, as printed on pages 150 and 151 of the Minutes.

The section was adopted, and renumbered 43.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 42, as printed on page 151 of the Minutes.

The section was adopted, and renumbered 44.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 45, as printed on page 294 of the Minutes.

Mr. Paul moved to substitute section 52 of the old Rules for said section.

Lost by a vote of 8 to 10.

Mr. Paul moved to amend the section by striking out in the first line the words "and visitation."

Passed by a vote of 10 to 9.

The section was adopted as amended.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the following sections, prepared in accordance with the action of the Board at the previous meeting, were adopted:

Sect. 46. — The Committee on High Schools:

Shall have the general supervision and visitation of the High Schools, including the subject of military drill.

Sect. 47. — The Committee on Normal School:

Shall have the general supervision and visitation of the Normal School.

Sect. 48. — The Committee on Horace Mann School for the Deaf:

Shall have the general supervision and visitation of the school of this name. Annually, in the month of September, they shall submit to the Board a printed report of the condition of the school.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 43, as printed on page 151 of the Minutes.

The section was adopted, and renumbered 49.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 44, as printed on page 151 of the Minutes.

The section was adopted, and renumbered 50.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 45, as printed on page 151 of the Minutes.

Mr. Anderson moved to amend section 45 by striking out in the first line the word "Visitors," and substituting in place thereof the words "Division Committees."

Mr. Anderson's motion to amend passed.

Mr. Paul moved that section 45 be stricken out.

Lost by a vote of 7 to 11.

Section 45 was adopted as amended, and renumbered 51.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 46, as printed on page 295 of the Minutes.

Mr. Paul moved that section 46 be stricken out.

Lost.

The section was adopted as amended, and renumbered 52.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 51, as printed on page 295 of the Minutes.

Mr. Paul moved to amend by striking out the section.

Passed.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 52, as printed on page 295 of the Minutes.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the section was amended to read as follows: "The committees in charge of the

respective schools or districts affected may, by written permits, transfer pupils from one school or district to another."

The section was adopted as amended, and renumbered 53.

On motion of Mr. Strange the Messenger was directed to furnish a lunch for members of the Board and reporters.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 56, as printed on page 152 of the Minutes.

The section was adopted.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 57, as printed on page 152 of the Minutes.

The section was adopted.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 58, as printed on page 152 of the Minutes.

Mr. Anderson moved to amend the section by striking out after the word "relates," in the fourth line, the words "to the appointment, transfer, and removal of instructors and other officers," and to strike out after the word "plans," in the fifth line, the words "and to recommendations to the Board or other relations with it."

Lost.

Section 58 was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, section 59 as printed on page 152 of the Minutes, and as amended on page 295 of the Minutes, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, sections 60–68 inclusive, as printed on pages 152, 153, and 154 of the Minutes, were adopted.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, Chapter V., as printed on page 154, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, Chapters VI., VII., and VIII., as printed on pages 155, 156, and 157 of the Minutes, were adopted.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of Chapter IX.

Mr. Paul moved the indefinite postponement of Chapter IX.

Lost.

The Board proceeded to take up Chapter IX. by sections.

Section 103, as printed on page 157 of the Minutes, was adopted.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 104, as printed on page 157 of the Minutes.

Mr. Paul moved to amend the section by striking out in the second line the words "on his own responsibility."

Lost by a vote of 9 to 9.

Mr. Paul doubted the vote, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion to amend.

Mr. Paul's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Calderwood, Davison, Eaton, Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Nichols, Paul, and Strange — 9.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bassett, Burrill, Coolidge, Courtney, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Hubbard, Lowell, and McDonald — 10.

Absent: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Fleischer, and Huggan.

Section 104 was adopted.

Sections 105 and 106 were adopted.

Section 107, as printed on page 157 of the Minutes, and as amended on page 295 of the Minutes, was adopted.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 108.

Mr. Paul moved to amend by striking out the section, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Paul's motion to amend was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Davison, Eaton, Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Nichols, and Paul — 8.

Nays: Messrs. Allen, Anderson, Bassett, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Hubbard and Lowell — 10.

Absent or not voting: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Fleischer, Huggan, and Strange.

Section 108 was adopted.

Sections 109 and 110 were adopted.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, Chapter XI., as printed on pages 160 and 161 of the Minutes, and as amended on page 295 of the Minutes, was adopted.

Mr. Gallivan moved the adoption of Chapter XII., as printed on pages 161–170 of the Minutes.

Mr. Paul moved to substitute the word "Election" for the word "Appointment" in the title of the chapter.

Lost.

Sections 136, 137, and 138 were successively adopted.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 139, as printed on page 162 of the Minutes.

Mr. Paul moved to amend the section by striking out, in the third line, the word "reappoint," and substituting in place thereof the word "renominate."

Lost.

Mr. Paul moved to amend the section by striking out, in the fifth line, the word "appoint," and substituting in place thereof the word "nominate."

Lost.

Sections 139, 140, and 141 were adopted.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 142, as printed on pages 162 and 163 of the Minutes.

Mr. Paul moved to amend the section by striking out,

in the fourteenth line, the word "confirm," and substituting in place thereof the word "nominate."

Lost.

Sections 142, 143, 144, and 145 were successively adopted.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of section 147, as printed on pages 164 and 165 of the Minutes, and as amended on page 295 of the Minutes.

Mr. Anderson moved that the section be recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Lost by a vote of 5 to 10.

Section 147 was adopted as amended.

Sections 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, and 157, as printed on pages 164–169 inclusive of the Minutes, were successively adopted.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, sections 158–161 inclusive, as printed on page 170 of the Minutes, were adopted.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, Chapters XIII., XIV., and XV., as printed on pages 171 to 178 inclusive of the Minutes, were adopted.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of Chapter XVI., as printed on pages 178–184 of the Minutes.

Mr. Paul moved to amend section 207 by striking out, in the third line, the word "Board," and substituting in place thereof the words "committee in charge."

Mr. Paul's motion to amend passed.

On motion of Mr. Paul, Chapter XVI. was adopted as amended.

On motion of Mr. Paul, Chapters XVII. and XVIII. were adopted.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of Chapter XIX., as printed on pages 186 and 187 of the Minutes.

Mr. Paul moved to amend section 252 by striking out, in the last line, the word "Superintendent," and substituting in place thereof the words "committee in charge.'

Passed.

Chapter XIX. was adopted as amended.

Mr. Paul moved the adoption of Chapter XX., as printed on pages 187, 188, and 189 of the Minutes.

Mr. Calderwood moved to amend section 270 so as to read as follows:

"The Committee on High Schools may admit pupils eligible for High School instruction to a High School in any district other than that in which they reside, the same having been first designated by their parents or guardians, in a written communication to them, and no pupil shall be transferred from one High School to another, except by their permission."

Passed.

Mr. Gallivan moved to amend section 273 by striking out, in the last line, the word "Superintendent," and substituting in place thereof the words "the Committee on High Schools."

Passed.

Chapter XX. was adopted as amended.

On motion of Mr. Paul, Chapters XXI. and XXII., as printed on pages 189–192 inclusive of the Minutes, were adopted.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of Chapter XXIII., as printed on pages 193 and 194 of the Minutes.

Mr. Paul moved to substitute Chapter XXIV. of the old Rules for Chapter XXIII. of the proposed Rules.

Lost, by a vote of 6 to 11.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of Section 305, as printed on page 193 of the Minutes.

Mr. Paul moved to amend the opening paragraph by striking out, in the third line, the word "Superintendent," and substituting in place thereof the words "Committee on Evening Schools."

Passed.

Mr. Anderson moved that paragraph 4 of section 325 of the old Rules be substituted for paragraph 4 of section 305, as printed on page 193 of the Minutes.

Passed.

Mr. Anderson moved to amend section 313, as printed on page 194 of the Minutes, by striking out, in the first line, the word "Superintendent," and substituting in place thereof the words "Committee on Evening Schools."

Passed.

Mr. Anderson moved to amend section 315, as printed on page 194 of the Minutes, by striking out, in the third line, the word "Superintendent," and substituting in place thereof the words "Committee on Evening Schools."

Mr. Paul moved to amend by striking out section 309, as printed on pages 193 and 194 of the Minutes, and substituting in place thereof section 329 of the old Rules.

Passed.

Mr. Paul moved to amend by striking out section 308, as printed on page 193 of the Minutes, and substituting in place thereof section 328 of the old Rules.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of Chapter XXIII. as amended.

The chapter was adopted as amended.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the Board voted to reconsider the vote whereby Chapter XXIII. was declared adopted.

On motion of Mr. Paul, Chapter XXIV. of the old Rules was adopted as Chapter XXIII. of the new Rules.

On motion of Mr. Paul, Chapters XXIV., XXV.,

XXVI., and XXVII., as printed on pages 195–199 inclusive of the Minutes, were adopted with the various amendments as printed on pages 295 and 296 of the Minutes.

Mr. Anderson moved a general reconsideration of all the votes whereby the new Rules and Regulations were declared adopted, hoping the motion would not prevail.

Lost.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, offered the following:

Ordered, That the President forthwith appoint standing committees, in accordance with the provisions of sections 2 and 4 of the new Rules, for the remainder of the current municipal year, and that upon such appointments all the existing committee appointments be vacated. But committees discontinued under the provisions of the new Rules, whose duties are not conferred upon some new committee, may report upon matters hitherto referred to them by the Board, but shall continue in existence for no other purpose.

Mr. Paul moved that the order be laid on the table.

Lost.

The order passed.

Mr. Anderson moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the foregoing order was declared passed, hoping the motion would not prevail.

Lost.

Adjournment. Mr. Anderson moved that when the Board adjourn it be to meet on Tuesday evening, July 5, at half-past seven o'clock.

Mr. Strange moved to amend by substituting the words "July 19" for the words "July 5."

Mr. Strange's motion to amend passed by a vote of 11 to 5.

Mr. Anderson's motion passed as amended.

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Document No. 7, 1898.)

Annual Report Committee on Salaries.

Appended to the report were the following orders:

1. *Ordered*, That the salaries of instructors of the public schools be fixed for the year ending Aug. 31, 1899, as contained in the following schedule:

NORMAL SCHOOL.

Head-Master	$3,780
Master, first year, $2,340; annual increase, $144; maximum	3,060
Assistants, first year, $1,140; annual increase, $60; maximum,	1,620

LATIN AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

Head-Masters	$3,348
Masters	2,916
Junior-Masters, first year, $1,332; annual increase (for eleven years), $144; salary for the twelfth and subsequent years, with the rank of Master	2,916
Assistant Principal, Girls' High School	2,040
Assistant Principal, Roxbury High School, first year, $1,620; annual increase, $72; maximum	1,836
Assistants, first year, $972; annual increase, $72; maximum	1,620

MECHANIC ARTS HIGH SCHOOL.

Head-Master	$3,780
Masters	2,916
Junior-Masters, first year, $1,332; annual increase (for eleven years), $144; salary for the twelfth and subsequent years, with the rank of Master	2,916
Instructors, first year, $1,500; annual increase, $120; maximum,	2,340
Assistant Instructors, first year, $972; annual increase, $72; maximum	1,620
Instructor of Metal-Working, first year, $1,800; annual increase, $60; maximum	2,580

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Masters, first year, $2,460; annual increase (for four years), $120; increase for fifth year, $60; maximum for sixth and subsequent years	$3,000
Sub-Masters, first year, $1,380; annual increase, $120; maximum	2,220

First Assistants, first year, $972; annual increase, $48; maximum	$1,212
Assistants, first year, $552; annual increase, $48; maximum	936

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

First Assistants, first year, $984; annual increase, $48; maximum	$1,080
Assistants, first year, $552; annual increase, $48; maximum	936

KINDERGARTENS.

Principals, first year, $600; annual increase, $48; maximum	$792
Assistants, first year, $432; annual increase, $48; maximum	624

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Principal, Evening High School (per week), first year, $40; second year, $45; third year and subsequently	$50 00
Assistants, Evening High School (per evening)	4 00
Principals, Evening Elementary Schools, in schools where average attendance for month is 100 pupils or more (per evening)	5 00
In schools where average attendance for month is less than 100 (per evening)	4 00
First Assistants, Evening Elementary Schools, in schools where average attendance for month is 75 pupils or more (per evening)	2 50
In schools where average attendance for month is less than 75 (per evening)	2 00
Assistants, Evening Elementary Schools (per evening)	2 00
[1] Masters, Evening Drawing Schools (per evening)	10 00
Principals, Evening Drawing Schools (per evening), first year, $7; second year and subsequently	8 00
Assistants, Evening Drawing Schools (per evening), first year, $4; second year, $5; third year and subsequently	6 00

SPECIAL INSTRUCTORS.

Special Instructors of Music	$2,508
Assistant Instructors of Music	888
Director of Drawing	2,880
Assistants to Director of Drawing (2)	1,500
Master of Evening Drawing Schools	1,200
Assistant to Director of Drawing	800

[1] The rank of Master in Evening Drawing Schools shall be abolished as the position becomes vacant by the retirement of the present incumbents.

[1] Assistant to Director of Drawing	$2,388
Teacher of German, Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools	1,500
Teacher of Chemistry, Girls' High School	1,620
Laboratory Assistant, Girls' High School	804
" " Roxbury " "	804
Teacher of Physical Training, Brighton High School	700
Teacher of Physical Training, Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools	900
Teacher of Physical Training and Reading, Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools	900
Teacher of Physical Training, East Boston High School	300
" " " Culture, Roxbury High School	1,200
Director of Kindergartens	2,880
Assistant teacher of the theory and practice of the Kindergarten, Normal School	1,380
Teacher of Songs and Games, Normal School	240
Director of French and German	3,000
Assistant	1,500
Director of Physical Training	3,000
Assistant	2,280
Horace Mann School for the Deaf :	
Principal	2,880
Assistant Principal, first year, $1,152; annual increase, $72; maximum	1,440
Assistants, first year, $780; annual increase, $72; maximum	1,284
Principal of Manual Training Schools	2,508
Instructors in Manual Training Schools	1,620
Instructors in Manual Training Schools	1,200
Assistant Instructors in Manual Training Schools, first year, $804; annual increase, $48; maximum	996
Principal of Schools of Cookery	1,500
Instructors in Schools of Cookery, first year, $552; annual increase, $48; maximum	936
Instructor in School on Spectacle Island (including all expenses connected with the school, except for books)	400
Instructor of Military Drill	2,000
Armorer	1,050

[2] Teachers of Sewing:

One division	$132	Three divisions	$324
Two divisions	228	Four divisions	408

[1] To give instruction in drawing in the Normal School, and to assist the Director of Drawing.

[2] To take effect Jan. 1, 1899.

Five divisions . . .	$492	Nine divisions . . .	$744
Six divisions . . .	564	Ten divisions . . .	792
Seven divisions . .	636	Eleven divisions . .	840
Eight divisions . .	696	All over eleven divisions,	888

Special Assistant Teachers, first grade (per day) . . .	$1 50
Special Assistant Teachers, Kindergartens (per week) . .	5 00

2. *Ordered*, That Head-Masters of High Schools, whose average whole number for the preceding year exceeds five hundred pupils, receive four hundred thirty-two dollars ($432) each, in addition to the regular salary of the rank.

3. *Ordered*, That John Tetlow receive eight hundred fifty-two dollars ($852) per annum, in addition to the regular salary of his rank.

4. *Ordered*, That the Assistant Principal in the Roxbury High School be placed upon the second year of the new schedule, $1,692 per annum, until Jan. 1, 1899, when she shall be placed upon the next higher salary in the new schedule, and continue to increase until the maximum salary of the rank is reached.

5. *Ordered*, That instructors who have not yet attained the maximum salary of their rank as provided for in this schedule shall continue to increase on their several anniversaries, either of appointment or of their last increase in salary as now established, according to the rates fixed herein, until the maximum salary of their rank is reached.

6. *Ordered*, That Darius Hadley, Henry F. Sears, Charles F. Kimball, and T. Henry Wason each receive one hundred and twenty dollars ($120) per annum, dating from Sept. 1, 1898, in addition to the maximum salary of their rank, on account of their long service in the public schools.

7. *Ordered*, That the salaries of the teachers of sewing be continued on the present schedule until Jan. 1, 1899, when they shall be paid in accordance with the new schedule.

8. *Ordered*, That the salaries of temporary teachers of the following-named ranks be fixed at the following rates for each day of actual service: Temporary Junior-Master, $5; Assistant, High Schools, $2.50; Sub-Master, Grammar Schools, $4; Instructor, Mechanic Arts High School, $4; Assistant, Grammar or Primary Schools, $2; Assistant Instructor in Schools of Cookery, $2.

9. *Ordered*, That the salary of the Chief Truant Officer be fixed at the rate of eighteen hundred dollars ($1,800) per annum, to date from Sept. 1, 1898.

10. *Ordered*, That the salaries of the Truant Officers be fixed at the rate of twelve hundred dollars ($1,200) each per annum, to date from Sept. 1, 1898.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Paul moved that the orders appended to the report be laid on the table.

Passed.

Report of Committee on Drawing; approval of Course of Study in Drawing for High Schools.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing, presented a Course of Study in Drawing for High Schools, which had been approved by the Board of Supervisors and by the Committee on Examinations, and recommended the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the accompanying Course of Study in Drawing for High Schools be adopted, and printed as a school document.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Special assignment; report of Committee on Text-Books.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, the special assignment, being the orders appended to the report of the Committee on Text-Books and the orders with reference to Stepping Stones to Literature, were taken from the table.

Mr. McDonald moved that the orders be taken up together, as follows:

1. *Ordered*, That the books and charts of the Educational Music Course, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as text-books in the Primary and Grammar Schools, to be substituted for the books and charts of the National Music Course and the books and charts of the Revised National Music Course, as new books and charts are needed.

2. *Ordered*, That H. E. Holt's New and Improved Normal Course in Music be authorized for use as additional text-books in music in the Grammar and Primary Schools.

3. *Ordered*, That the restrictions as to the purchase of the Natural Music Course as noted in the list of authorized text and reference books (School Document No. 11, 1897, pp. 3 and 5) be stricken out.

4. *Ordered*, That the Duntonian System of Vertical

Writing, published by Thompson, Brown & Co., be authorized for use as additional text-books in penmanship in the Grammar Schools.

5. *Ordered*, That The Children's Fourth Reader, by Ellen M. Cyr, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in grade VI., to be furnished only as new text-books are needed to replace those now in use.

6. *Ordered*, That Monroe's New Fourth Reader, published by E. H. Butler & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in grade IV., to be furnished only as new text-books are needed to replace those now in use.

7. *Ordered*, That Claude's Twilight Thoughts, published by Ginn & Co., be dropped from the list of authorized text-books in grade IV.

8. *Ordered*, That the New Franklin Arithmetic, First Book and Second Book, be authorized for use as text-books in the Grammar Schools, to be purchased as new text-books in arithmetic are needed.

9. *Ordered*, That Robinson's Short History of Greece, published by The Macmillan Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

10. *Ordered*, That Smith's Smaller History of Greece be dropped from the list of text-books authorized for use in the Latin Schools.

11. *Ordered*, That L'Arrabbiata, by Paul Heyse, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

12. *Ordered*, That Immensee, by Theodor Storm, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

13. *Ordered*, That Höher als die Kirche, by Wilhelmine v. Hillern, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

14. *Ordered*, That Three German Tales, edited by A. B. Nichols, published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

15. *Ordered*, That Deutsche Sprachlehre, by Carla Wenckebach, published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

16. *Ordered*, That Collar's Shorter Eysenbach, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

17. *Ordered*, That Collar's Eysenbach, published by Ginn & Co., be dropped from the list of text-books authorized for use in the Latin and High Schools.

18. *Ordered*, That Expédition de Bonaparte en Egypte, by Louis Adolphi Thiers, published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

19. *Ordered*, That Contes et Légendes, by H. A. Guerber, Parts I. and II., published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

20. *Ordered*, That An Introduction to English Literature, by Henry S. Pancoast, published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

21. *Ordered*, That Plane and Solid Geometry, by Van Velzer & Shutts, published by Tracy, Gibbs & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

22. *Ordered*, That Elements of Chemistry, by Rufus P. Williams, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

23. *Ordered*, That Introduction to Chemical

Science, by Rufus P. Williams, published by Ginn & Co., be dropped from the list of text-books in the High Schools.

24. *Ordered*, That First Facts and Sentences in French, by Bétis & Swan, published by Charles Scribner's Sons, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Roxbury High School.

25. *Ordered*, That Bäumlein's Edition of Homer's Iliad, Boise's Homer's Iliad, Goodwin's Grammar, Goodwin's Reader, Goodwin & White's Anabasis of Xenophon, Jones's Prose Composition, Liddell & Scott's Abridged Lexicon, Seymour's School Iliad, White's Beginners' Greek Book, White's First Greek Book, and White's First Lessons in Greek be authorized for use as text-books in the High Schools.

26. *Ordered*, That Citizen Bird, by Wright & Coues, published by The Macmillan Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in Grammar Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

27. *Ordered*, That Birds of Village and Field, by Merriam, published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in Grammar Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

28. *Ordered*, That Flowers and Their Friends, by Morley, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in Grammar Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

29. *Ordered*, That Lessons with Plants, by Bailey, published by The Macmillan Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in Grammar Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

30. *Ordered*, That Stories of Insect Life, by Weed, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in Grammar Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

31. *Ordered*, That One Hundred Gymnastic Games, published by Geo. H. Ellis, be authorized for use as a reference book in Grammar Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

32. *Ordered*, That A History of Painting, by Van Dyke; A History of Sculpture, by Marquand & Frothingham; and A History of Architecture, by Hamlin, published by Longmans, Green & Co., be authorized for use as reference books in the Grammar and High Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

33. *Ordered*, That Chambers's Encyclopædia be authorized for use as a reference book for the Latin and High Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

34. *Ordered*, That Classic Myths in English Literature, by Charles M. Gayley, published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in Latin and High Schools, one copy to be supplied for each school.

35. *Ordered*, That Around the World, by Carroll, published by The Morse Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Primary Schools.

36. *Ordered*, That Uncle Robert's Geography, III., by Francis W. Parker, published by D. Appleton & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

37. *Ordered*, That King's Geographical Readers, Nos. 3, 4, and 6, published by Lee & Shepard, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

38. *Ordered*, That School Reading by Grades, Fifth Year and Sixth Year, by William Baldwin, published by the American Book Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

39. *Ordered*, That Claude's Twilight Thoughts,

published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

40. *Ordered*, That Monroe's New Fourth Reader be dropped from the list of books authorized for supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

41. *Ordered*, That A History of the United States for Schools, by Wilbur F. Gordy, published by Charles Scribner's Sons; A School History of the United States, by John B. McMaster, published by the American Book Co.; A History of the United States of America, its People and its Institutions, by Charles Morris, published by J. B. Lippincott Co.; A History of the United States of America, by Horace E. Scudder, published by Sheldon & Co.; A History of the United States for Schools, by John Fiske, published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co.; and A History of the United States for Schools, by William A. and Arthur M. Mowry, published by Silver, Burdett & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools, not more than ten copies of each to be furnished any one school.

42. *Ordered*, That Curious Homes and their Tenants, by James C. Beard, published by D. Appleton & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

43. *Ordered*, That Stories of Long Ago in a New Dress, by Grace H. Kupfer, published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

44. *Ordered*, That Indians and Pioneers, by Hazard & Dutton, published by The Morse Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

45. *Ordered*, That This Country of Ours, by Benjamin Harrison, published by Charles Scribner's Sons,

be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Grammar Schools.

46. *Ordered*, That A Students' History of the United States, by Edward Channing, published by The Macmillan Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in fourth-year classes, High Schools.

47. *Ordered*, That A History of the United States for Schools, by John Fiske, published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Boys' Latin School.

48. *Ordered*, That An Introduction to English Literature, by Henry S. Pancoast, published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the High Schools.

49. *Ordered*, That The Outlines of Literature, English and American, by Truman J. Backus, published by Sheldon & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the High Schools.

Ordered, That Stepping Stones to Literature, Nos. 2 and 3, be dropped from the list of books authorized for supplementary reading in the Primary Schools.

Ordered, That Stepping Stones to Literature, Nos. 2 and 3, published by Silver, Burdett & Co., be authorized for use as text-books in grades II. and III. respectively, to be furnished only as new text-books are needed to replace those now in use.

Mr. Anderson moved that Orders Nos. 1, 2, and 3 be recommitted to the Committee on Text-Books.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the Board took a recess of ten minutes.

The Board reassembled at 2.20 o'clock, A.M.

The Chair stated the question was on Mr. Anderson's motion to recommit to the Committee on Text-Books Orders Nos. 1, 2, and 3, appended to the report of that committee.

Mr. Strange moved that Order No. 3 be amended so that the restrictions with regard to the purchase of the books and charts of the Natural Music Course should read as follows: "to be furnished by the Committee on Supplies only as new books and charts are needed."

Passed.

The Chair stated the question was on Mr. Anderson's motion to recommit to the Committee on Text-Books Orders Nos. 1, 2, and 3.

Mr. Strange moved that Mr. Anderson's motion be amended and Order No. 2 referred to the Board of Supervisors.

Passed unanimously.

The Chair stated the question was on Mr. Anderson's motion to recommit Orders Nos. 1 and 3, as amended, to the Committee on Text-Books.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion to recommit.

Mr. Anderson's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Burrill, Hubbard, and Nichols — 5.

Nays: Messrs. Allen, Bassett, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell, McDonald, Paul, and Strange — 14.

Absent: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Fleischer, and Huggan.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of Order No. 1.

The order passed, 17 members voting in the affirmative.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of Order No. 3, as amended.

The order passed, 16 members voting in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Strange, Orders Nos. 4 to 49 inclusive were taken up together.

The orders passed, 19 members voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Courtney moved that the orders relating to Stepping Stones to Literature, Nos. 2 and 3, as printed on page 276 of the Minutes, be referred to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Davison moved that the order to place Stepping Stones to Literature, Nos. 2 and 3, on the List of Authorized Text-Books be amended to read as follows:

Ordered, That Stepping Stones to Literature, Nos. 2 and 3, published by Silver, Burdett & Co., be authorized for use as text-books in Grades 2 and 3 respectively, to be furnished at the discretion of the Committee on Supplies.

Passed.

The Chair stated the question was on Mr. Courtney's motion to refer these orders to the Board of Supervisors.

Lost.

The orders passed as amended, 16 members voting in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Text-Books, it was

Ordered, That the list of authorized text, reference, and supplementary reading books for the school year 1898–99 be printed.

List of authorized text and reference books.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing, to whom was referred — June 14 — a petition signed by Alice F. Robinson, Secretary, representing the Societies and Chapters of the War of the Revolution and the War of 1812, that they be granted permission to adorn the walls of the corridors and class-rooms of the Paul Revere School with such pictures and casts as may

Report of Committee on Drawing; acceptance of pictures and casts for Paul Revere Schoolhouse. [See p. 315.]

serve to instil patriotism and love for country in the hearts of the pupils, besides commemorating the deeds of the sterling patriots who secured to their posterity and the world the blessings of liberty, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend that the petitioners be allowed to place such pictures and casts in the Paul Revere School-house as may be approved by the Committee on Drawing, and that the thanks of the Board be extended to them for their generous offer.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

The Chair read the following:

Petition from Sarah W. Morse *et als.*, for maintenance of Boston Normal School.

BOSTON, MASS., June 3, 1898.

To the Boston School Committee, Boston, Mass.:

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned graduates of the Boston Normal School most earnestly protest against the recent action of your honorable body in abolishing the Boston Normal School.

1. We believe that a school under Boston management can give more definite preparation for teaching in Boston schools than a school under State management, which necessarily prepares for the State at large.

2. We believe that the personal influence and supervision of the teacher over the individnal pupil is of the utmost importance. Such influence and supervision can be greater in a school of the size of the Boston Normal School than in a much larger institution.

3. We are convinced that the opportunity given to the Boston Normal School pupils for four months of observation and practice in the classes of experienced training teachers in all sections of the city is of the utmost value. In a State Normal School in Boston the numbers would undoubtedly be so large as to make it extremely difficult to provide equal opportunities for professional training.

For these and other reasons we believe that a Normal School should form an integral part of the school system of Boston, and ask that your Board rescind the vote abolishing the Boston Normal School, and that a hearing be given to the citizens of Boston interested in the subject.

SARAH WALLIS MORSE,
and seven hundred three others.

Referred to the Committee on the Normal School.

The Chair presented a petition protesting against the discontinuance of the Boston Normal School, signed by Andrew F. Leatherbee and five others.

Petition from Andrew F. Leatherbee *et als.*, for maintenance of Boston Normal School.

Referred to the Committee on Normal School.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment for the school year 1898–99 of not more than four graduates of the Mechanic Arts High School, the salary of each graduate employed not to exceed $2 per day of actual service, as special assistants in the mechanical department of that school; these special assistants to be in place of one additional regular instructor to which said school is entitled under the rules.

Special assistants in Mechanic Arts High School.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment in the Mechanic Arts High School for the school year 1898–99 of a laboratory assistant at a salary not exceeding three hundred dollars ($300).

Laboratory assistant, Mechanic Arts High School.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That the boundary line of the Longfellow District be amended as follows:

Boundary lines of Longfellow and Charles Sumner Districts amended.

Strike out all after the words "Dedham branch railroad," in the sixth line, to and including the words "Washington street," in the ninth line, and substitute the following therefor: "thence by the railroad in a westerly direction to South street again; thence by the centres of South and Birch streets and Dudley avenue to Washington street."

That the boundary lines of the Charles Sumner

District be amended to conform to the amended boundary lines of the Longfellow District.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Sarah T. Whitmarsh, Ellen M. Murphy, and Mabel M. Winslow. [See p. 323.]

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — June 14 — an order that certain principals of Kindergartens be placed on the second year's salary of their rank from the date of their respective appointments, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the following-named principals of Kindergartens be placed on the second year of service in their rank from the several dates specified: Sarah T. Whitmarsh, from Oct. 17, 1897; Ellen M. Murphy, from April 1, 1898; Mabel M. Winslow, from April 25, 1898.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Martha C. Kincaide.

Ordered, That Martha C. Kincaide be paid the sum of one hundred forty-two dollars ($142) for extra services as teacher of type-setting and printing in the Horace Mann School since Jan. 4, 1898.

Mr. Paul raised the point of order that under the new rules the order must lay over for two weeks.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken, and the order was accordingly laid over.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Caroline D. Aborn. [See p. 334.]

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 14 — an order that there be paid to Caroline D. Aborn, principal of the Training School Kindergarten, the sum of two hundred and forty dollars ($240) for extra services performed during the year in the Normal School, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That there be paid to Caroline D. Aborn, principal of the Training School Kindergarten, the sum of two hundred and forty dollars ($240) for extra services performed during the year in the Normal School.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training; instruction in swimming to school children during summer vacation. [See p. 260.]

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, to whom was referred — May 24 — a communication from the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor, with regard to instruction in swimming to pupils in the public schools during the summer vacation, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend that the City Council be respectfully informed, through his Honor the Mayor, that the School Committee cordially approve of the proposal of the Bath Department to furnish such instruction to school children, and will coöperate in the carrying out of such plan so far as it may lie in their power to do so.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following:

Salary of Gardner P. Balch.

Ordered, That Gardner P. Balch, sub-master in the Eliot District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in his rank, to date from Sept. 6, 1898.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Keller moved a general reconsideration of the vote whereby all orders relating to text-books were declared passed, hoping the motion would not prevail.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, July 19, 1898.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, on Tuesday, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer and Paul.

On motion of Mr. Bowdlear, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; opening of Roger Clap School-house yard for use as playground for children.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 30, 1898.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to ask the School Committee to open the yard of the Roger Clap School, Harvest street, as a playground for children, during the present vacation.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 30, 1898.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, July 5, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Council; Superintendent of Public Buildings authorized

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, July 7, 1898.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to open such school yards as he may deem expedient, and as the Committee on School Houses of the School Committee may

to open school yards as playgrounds for children during vacation.

approve, for use as playgrounds for children during the summer vacation, under such suitable restrictions as the said committee may deem proper, the city to assume and make good any damage that may be occasioned thereby to school property; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, July 11, concurred. Approved by the Mayor July 13, 1898.

A true copy.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN,
City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; repair of Phillips School-house.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 30, 1898.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in their next appropriation a sum sufficient to place the Phillips School-house, corner Phillips and Anderson streets, Ward 11, in thorough repair, and to make such additions to said school-house as are necessary, according to the plans held by the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 30, 1898.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.

Respectfully referred to the Committee on School Houses, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the previous meeting, was read:

Payment to Martha C. Kincaide. [See p. 386.]

Ordered, That Martha C. Kincaide be paid the sum of one hundred forty-two dollars ($142) for extra services as teacher of type-setting and printing in the Horace Mann School since Jan. 4, 1898.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the previous meeting, was read:

Ordered, That there be paid to Caroline D. Aborn, principal of the Training School Kindergarten, the sum of two hundred and forty dollars ($240) for extra services performed during the year in the Normal School.

Payment to Caroline D. Aborn. [See pp. 386, 387.]

Passed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Chairman Board of Supervisors reporting on H. E. Holt's New and Improved Normal Course in Mnsic. [See p. 382.]

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
IN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, July 1, 1898.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Supervisors, to whom was recommitted on June 30, 1898, the order "That H. E. Holt's New and Improved Normal Course in Music be authorized for use as additional text-books in music in the Grammar and Primary Schools," have listened to a full explanation by Mr. Holt of the general principles and particular features of the system of music embodied in the books and charts of the New and Improved Normal Course, and are of the opinion that they ought to be authorized for use as additional text-books in music in the Grammar and Primary Schools.

They therefore recommend that these books and charts be so authorized.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Placed on file.

Report of Superintendent.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

ON PROBATION.

Teachers appointed on probation.

Boys' Latin School. — William A. Edwards, John Haynes, junior-masters, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Laid over, nnder the rule.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, offered the following:

Appropriation for Bowditch School-house, addition.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

Bowditch School-house, addition, $13,000.

Laid over, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Approval of plans and specifications for addition to Bowditch School-house.

Ordered, That the plans and specifications prepared by the Acting Superintendent of Public Buildings, for an addition of two rooms to the Bowditch Grammar School-house, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and they are hereby approved by this Board, and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications.

Accompanying the plans and specifications was the written approval of the Superintendent, as follows:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, July 19, 1898.

To the Committee on School Houses:

SIRS: I have examined with care the plans and specifications for an addition of two (2) rooms to the Bowditch School-house, on Green street, Jamaica Plain, said plans having been made and said specifications having been prepared by the Acting Superintendent of Public Buildings. These plans are six (6) in number. They and the specifications are hereby approved by me.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Estimated cost of repairs to various school-houses.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, submitted, for the approval of the Board, the following estimates of

expenditures which they recommend to be made during July and August, 1898:

Dudley School-house. — Improvements in sanitaries	$2,000
Charles Sumner School-house. — Improvements in sanitaries	4,250
Norcross School-house. — New master's office and general repairs	2,500
Ticknor School-house. — Improvements in sanitaries	3,500
General repairs to heating apparatus	8,000
	$20,250

Approved.

Report of Committee on School Houses; flagstaff for Florence-street School, Ward 23. [See p. 223.]

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 26 — a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to erect a flagstaff in the yard of the Florence-street School, Ward 23, reported that they have given the matter attention, and recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that a flagstaff has been ordered for this school.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Report of Committee on School Houses; improved sanitation of Dudley School-house. [See p. 225.]

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 26 — a communication from the City Council, enclosing a report from the Board of Health with regard to the sanitary improvements needed in the Dudley School-house, and requesting the School Committee to take immediate action towards providing said improvements, reported that they have included an item to cover the cost of the suggested improvements in their estimates submitted to and approved by the

Board, and recommend that the City Council be respectfully informed that it is proposed to complete the work at an early date.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

Report of Committee on School Houses; repairs on school buildings in Fifth Division. [See p. 287.]

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 24 — an order requesting them to give early consideration to the matter of repairs to be done during the summer vacation upon the school buildings in the Fifth Division, and to afford an opportunity to the various masters to present to them the needs of the several school-houses under their charge, reported that they have investigated very carefully the condition of the school-houses in that Division, and have consulted the several masters on the subject. While the appropriation available for repairs is insufficient to permit them to do all that they desire, it is the intention of your committee to remedy, so far as possible, the more serious defects in school-houses in that section of the city before next September.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; master's and teachers' room provided for Prescott Grammar School. [See p. 277.]

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 24 — an order that a master's and teachers' room be provided for the Prescott Grammar School, with suitable furniture therefor, reported that the matter has received their attention, and no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; removal of old buildings in Athelwold street, Ward 20. [See p. 341.]

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 30 — a communication from the Board of Aldermen requesting the immediate removal of the old and dilapidated buildings then standing on land of the city of Boston in Athelwold street, Ward 20, reported that these buildings have now been removed,

and recommend that the Board of Aldermen be so informed.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Eustis-street Primary School-house be called the Albert Palmer School in honor of the late ex-Mayor Albert Palmer.

Naming of Eustis-street Primary School-house in honor of Albert Palmer.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

Appropriation for East Boston High School-house.

East Boston High School-house, $200,000.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 26 — an order requesting them to have the sanitary accommodations of the Charles Sumner School-house improved at once, in accordance with plans prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, reported that they propose to have the suggested improvements made, and anticipate their completion during the present vacation.

Report of Committee on School Houses; improved sanitary arrangements of Charles Sumner School-house. [See p. 238.]

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for a Primary School-house, on Munroe street, prepared by James Mulcahy, Architect, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said

Approval of plans and specifications of Munroe-street Primary School-house.

James Mulcahy is hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications.

Accompanying the plans and specifications was the written approval of the Superintendent, as follows:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, July 19, 1898.

To the Committee on School Houses:

SIRS: I have examined with care the plans and specifications for the proposed new Primary School-house on Munroe street, in the Roxbury District, said plans having been made and said specifications having been prepared by James Mulcahy, Architect, at 60 State street, Boston. These plans consist of eight (8) blue-prints of drawings. They and the specifications are hereby approved by me.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Approval of plans and specifications for Baker-street Primary School-house.

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for a Primary School-house on Baker street, prepared by Bacon & Hill, Architects, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said Bacon & Hill are hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications.

Accompanying the plans and specifications was the written approval of the Superintendent, as follows:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, July 19, 1898.

To the Committee on School Houses:

SIRS: I have examined with care the plans and specifications for the proposed new Primary School-house on Baker street in the West Roxbury District, said plans having been made and said specifications having been prepared by Bacon & Hill, Architects, at 27 School street, Boston. These plans consist of nine (9) blue-prints of drawings. They and the specifications are hereby approved by me.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for addition to and alteration of the Mechanic Arts High School building, prepared by Edmund M. Wheelwright, Architect, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said Edmund M. Wheelwright is hereby selected and employed to supervise the addition to and alteration of said school building in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications.

Approval of plans and specifications for addition to and alteration of Mechanic Arts High School-house.

Accompanying the plans and specifications was the written approval of the Superintendent as follows:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, July 19, 1898.

To the Committee on School Houses:

SIRS: I have examined with care the plans and specifications for addition to and alterations of the building for the Mechanic Arts High School, on Belvidere and Dalton streets, Back Bay, this city,

said plans having been made and said specifications having been prepared by Edmund M. Wheelwright, Architect, 1129 Tremont building, Boston. These plans consist of thirteen (13) blue-prints of drawings. They and the specifications are hereby approved by me.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Mr. Coolidge offered the following:

Course of Study for Primary Schools to be printed.

Ordered, That two thousand copies of the Course of Study, Primary Schools, School Document No. 16, 1890, be printed.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, offered the following:

Amendment to Rules and Regulations.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECT. 4. Strike out the section.

SECT. 5. Strike out, in the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth lines, the words "At the same meeting he shall also appoint a Committee on the Normal School and a Committee on High Schools, each committee consisting of five members."

Strike out, in the seventh and eighth lines, the words "of the Committee on Normal School or of the Committee on High Schools, and."

Renumber the section 4.

SECT. 6. Renumber the section 5.

SECT. 35. Insert after the word "Supplies," in the fifth line of paragraph 1, the words "the Committee on New Buildings."

Add the following section:

SECT. 51. Each standing committee shall keep a record book in which shall be entered the names of members present at each meeting, and a brief abstract of the proceedings. These books shall be kept on file

in the office of the Secretary, and shall be open to the inspection of the Superintendent and members of the Board.

SECT. 51. Renumber the section 52.
" 52. " " " 53.
" 53. " " " 54.

Add the following sections:

SECT. 55. The member first named on the Normal, High School, and each Division Committee shall call a meeting for organization within ten days after its appointment, at which meeting a chairman and secretary shall be chosen. The Secretary of the Board shall be furnished with a statement of such organization as soon as it is completed.

SECT. 56. Meetings of committees shall be called on not less than twenty-four hours' notice, provided that when all the members of a committee are present, a meeting may be held without notice, and the proceedings of the same shall be duly recorded.

SECT. 210. Add the following to the section:

"All applications for the omission of recesses shall be referred to the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, who shall, after consultation with the Superintendent, report thereon to the Board."

Add the following section:

SECT. 249. Principals may excuse pupils under seven years of age from attendance during afternoon sessions when so requested in writing by the parents of such children.

SECT. 325. Renumber the section 310.
" 326. " " " 311.
" 327. " " " 312.
" 328. " " " 313.
" 329. " " " 314.

SECT. 330. Renumber the section 315.

SECT. 331. Renumber the section 316.

SECT. 332. Strike out, in the second line, the words "Committee on Examinations," and substitute in place thereof the word "Superintendent."

Renumber the section 317.

SECT.	333.	Renumber	the	section	318.
"	334.	"	"	"	319.
"	335.	"	"	"	320.
"	336.	"	"	"	321.
"	337.	"	"	"	322.
"	320.	"	"	"	325.
"	321.	"	"	"	326.
"	322.	"	"	"	327.
"	323.	"	"	"	328.
"	324.	"	"	"	329.
"	325.	"	"	"	330.
"	326.	"	"	"	331.
"	327.	"	"	"	332.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Anderson moved the passage of Order No. 2 appended to the Report of the Committee on Text-Books, as follows:

Approval of Order No. 2 of report of Committee on Text-Books. [See pp. 375, 391.]

Ordered, That H. E. Holt's New and Improved Normal Course in Music be authorized for use as additional text-books in music in the Grammar and Primary Schools.

The order passed, 16 members voting in the affirmative.

Death of Kate F. Lyons.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, reported the death of Kate F. Lyons, late assistant, Primary School, in the Dudley District.

Accepted.

Mr. Calderwood offered the following:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended so as to provide that no child under five years of age be permitted to attend the public schools.

Amendment of Rules and Regulations; children under five years of age not permitted to attend public schools.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Allen offered the following:

Ordered, That the restriction upon the cost of the new East Boston High School-house imposed by the Board at the meeting of May 10, 1898, be and the same hereby is removed.

Removal of restriction on cost of erection of East Boston High School-house.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings, when appointed.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, reported that shortly before the closing of the schools they issued a circular to the various principals requesting them to have the floors of the school-houses washed under their direction. Inasmuch as the principals have arranged for the work to be done, it seems proper to request the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on Accounts; washing of floors of school-houses.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars ($2,000) for expenses connected with the washing of the floors of the various school-houses, during the summer vacation.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — June 14 — an order that the sum of two hundred and twenty dollars ($220) be paid to Hartvig Nissen, assistant to the Director of Physical Training, for extra services performed during the past year, reported that your committee have given the matter their careful consideration, and recommend the passage of the appended order:

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Hartvig Nissen. [See p. 336.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Hartvig Nissen,

assistant to the Director of Physical Training, the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars ($120) for extra services performed by him during the past year.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Bassett moved a suspension of the rules, that the order might be put on its passage.

Mr. Bassett's motion was lost, and the order was laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Wallace C. Boyden. [See p. 334.]

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 14 — an order that there be paid to Wallace C. Boyden, master of the Normal School, the sum of three hundred and sixty dollars ($360) for extra services performed during the year in the Normal School, reported that in the opinion of this committee the request contained in the order is a just one, and they recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That there be paid to Wallace C. Boyden, master of the Normal School, the sum of three hundred and sixty dollars ($360) for extra services performed during the year in the Normal School.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, the orders appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries (School Document No. 7, 1898) were taken from the table.

Mr. Bassett moved the passage of Order 1. (See Minutes, page 371–373.)

Mr. Strange moved that the schedule of salaries for the year ending Aug. 31, 1898, be substituted for the schedule reported by the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion to substitute.

Mr. Strange's motion to substitute passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Bowdlear, Calderwood, Courtney, Eaton, Hubbard, Huggan, McDonald, Nichols, and Strange — 11.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Burrill, Coolidge, Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Lowell — 7.

Absent: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer and Paul.

Mr. Gallivan stated that he was paired with Mr. Paul on the question of salaries.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of the substitute schedule of salaries offered by Mr. Strange.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered on the adoption of the salary schedule of 1897–98 for the ensuing year.

The schedule was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Bowdlear, Calderwood, Courtney, Eaton, Hubbard, Huggan, McDonald, Nichols, and Strange — 11.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Burrill, Coolidge, Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Lowell — 7.

Absent: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer and Paul.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the vote whereby the Board voted to adopt the salary schedule of 1897–98 for the ensuing year was reconsidered.

Mr. Bassett moved as an amendment to the schedule of salaries proposed by Mr. Strange that the salary of the assistant principal in the Roxbury High School be fixed at a minimum of $1,620, annual increase $72, maximum $1,836.

Passed.

Mr. Strange moved that all salaries not fixed for the year ending Aug. 31, 1899, be fixed according to the

schedule of salaries adopted for the year ending Aug. 31, 1898, except with regard to teachers of sewing and the assistant principal in the Roxbury High School.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion.

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order that the motion offered by Mr. Strange could not be entertained, for the reason that Order 1 had not been disposed of, the order having been reconsidered and not subsequently passed.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Mr. Strange moved the passage of Order No. 1, as amended by Mr. Bassett.

Mr. Anderson moved a division of the order.

Mr. Strange moved as a substitute that the vote whereby the report of the Committee on Salaries was accepted be reconsidered.

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order that Mr. Strange's motion could not be entertained, the motion before the Board being the passage of Order 1.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Mr. Strange moved that Order 1 appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries be laid on the table.

Lost.

Mr. Strange doubted the vote, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Bowdlear, Calderwood, Courtney, Huggan, McDonald, Nichols, and Strange — 9.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Coolidge, Gallivan, Hubbard, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Lowell — 7.

Absent or not voting: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bate-

man, Burrill, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer and Paul.

Mr. Burrill stated he was paired with Mr. Eaton.

Mr. Strange moved that the salaries paid for the year ending Aug. 31, 1898, be adopted for the year ending Aug. 31, 1899.

Mr. Calderwood moved as an amendment to Mr. Strange's motion that all instructors in the service of the city during the month of August, 1899, be reduced twenty per cent. from the amount due them under the present schedule of salaries for said month. In computing the proposed reduction no account is to be taken of any fraction of ten dollars.

Mr. Strange raised the point of order that it was not competent for this Board to legislate for the Board of 1899 by passing any order to take effect in August of that year.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

The Chair stated the question was on the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Calderwood.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the yeas and nays were ordered on Mr. Calderwood's motion to amend.

Mr. Anderson moved that the whole matter be recommitted to the Committee on Salaries with instructions to bring in a new report.

The Chair stated the question was on recommitting the whole matter to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to recommit.

The motion to recommit was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Burrill, Coolidge, Gallivan, Hubbard, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Nichols — 8.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Bowdlear, Calder-

wood, Courtney, Huggan, Lowell, McDonald, and Strange — 9.

Absent or not voting: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer and Paul.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the vote whereby the Board voted not to recommit the whole matter of salaries to the Committee on Salaries was reconsidered.

The Chair stated the question was on recommitting the whole matter to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to recommit.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Gallivan, Hubbard, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell and Nichols — 10.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Bowdlear, Courtney, Huggan, McDonald, and Strange — 7.

Absent or not voting: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer and Paul.

Committee on Accounts to present estimate of expenses of public schools for year beginning Sept. 1, 1898.

Mr. Anderson moved that the Committee on Accounts be requested to present to the Board at its next meeting an estimate of the expenses of the public schools for the year beginning Sept. 1, 1898, substantially as provided for in section 35, paragraph 2, of the Rules.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

Order for printing Outline of Lessons in Drawing as School Document rescinded.

Ordered, That the following order passed at the meeting of the School Board, April 16, 1898, on page 240 of the Minutes, be and hereby is rescinded:

" *Ordered*, That the Outline of Lessons in Drawing for 1898–99 be issued as a School Document with illus-

trations, and that two thousand copies of said document be printed."

Mr. Coolidge, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Outline of Lessons in Drawing for 1898–99 be issued with illustrations, and that two thousand copies thereof be printed.

Outline of Lessons in Drawing to be printed.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Allen moved that when the Board adjourn it be to meet on Tuesday evening, July 26, at half-past seven o'clock.

Adjournment.

Passed.

The Chair appointed the following standing committees, also the Division Committees, viz.:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing committees.

Accounts. — Willard S. Allen, Chairman; Messrs. Gallivan, Hubbard, Paul, and Nichols.

Annual Report. — Francis L. Coolidge, Chairman; Mrs. Fifield and Mr. Aldrich.

Courses of Study and Text-Books. — James A. McDonald, Chairman; Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Allen, Anderson, and Mrs. Fifield.

Evening Schools. — Isaac F. Paul, Chairman; Messrs. Anderson, Fleischer, McDonald, and Mrs. Ames.

Horace Mann School. — Elizabeth C. Keller, Chairman; Messrs. Fleischer, Bateman, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Nichols.

Hygiene and Physical Training. — Samuel H. Calderwood, Chairman; Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Burrill, and Fleischer.

Legislative Matters. — A. Lawrence Lowell, Chairman; Messrs. Eaton, Bassett, Strange, and Paul.

New Buildings. — William T. Eaton, Chairman; Messrs. Huggan, Strange, Bassett, and Courtney.

Rules and Regulations. — George W. Anderson, Chairman; Messrs. Hubbard, Gallivan, Lowell, and Bowdlear.

Salaries. — I. Austin Bassett, Chairman; Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Burrill, Aldrich, and Nichols.

School Houses. — Thomas F. Strange, Chairman; Messrs. Lowell, Coolidge, Davison, and Eaton.

Supplies. — Archibald T. Davison, Chairman; Messrs. Huggan, Calderwood, Coolidge, and Courtney.

Truant Officers. — Samuel F. Hubbard, Chairman; Messrs. McDonald, Bowdlear, Bateman, and Burrill.

NORMAL, HIGH SCHOOL, AND DIVISION COMMITTEES.

(Alphabetical order. Chairman elective.)

Normal, High School, and Division Committees.

Normal School. — Mr. Aldrich, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bowdlear, Courtney, and Huggan.

High Schools. — Messrs. Allen, Calderwood, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Gallivan.

First Division. — Messrs. Allen, Bateman, Huggan, McDonald, and Nichols.

Second Division. — Messrs. Allen, Bateman, Hubbard, Huggan, and McDonald.

Third Division. — Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Burrill, Courtney, Hubbard, and Paul.

Fourth Division. — Messrs. Burrill, Coolidge, Eaton, Lowell, and Paul.

Fifth Division. — Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Calderwood, Courtney, Fleischer, and Gallivan.

Sixth Division. — Messrs. Bowdlear, Davison, Eaton, Gallivan, and Nichols.

Seventh Division. — Messrs. Aldrich, Bassett, Calderwood, Eaton, and Strange.

Eighth Division. — Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bowdlear, Coolidge, and Mrs. Keller.

Ninth Division. — Messrs. Bassett, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer and Strange.

The Chair stated the question was on the approval of the appointments.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the question was divided, and each committee was taken up separately.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on Accounts.

Approved.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on Annual Report.

Approved.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on Courses of Study and Text-Books.

Approved.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointment of the Committee on Evening Schools.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the question was taken on approving the appointment of the members of said committee with the exception of Mr. Fleischer.

The appointments were approved.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered on approving the appointment of Mr. Fleischer as a member of said committee. Yeas and nays.

The appointment was approved by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Bassett, Burrill, Coolidge, Courtney, Hubbard, Huggan, Lowell, McDonald, Nichols, and Strange — 12.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Calderwood, Gallivan, and Mrs. Keller — 4.

Absent or not voting: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman,

Bowdlear, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer and Paul.

The appointments of the remaining committees, with the exception of the Committee on New Buildings and School Houses, were taken up together.

The appointments were approved.

Mr. Anderson moved that it is the sense of this Board that it is wiser that the same members should not serve both on the Committee on New Buildings and on the Committee on School Houses.

Passed, by a vote of 8 to 4.

Mr. Anderson moved that the appointment of the Committee on New Buildings and of the Committee on School Houses be recommitted to the Chair, with the request that he reappoint said committees in accordance with the desire of the Board as expressed in the foregoing vote.

Passed.

Mr. Aldrich moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Board voted to recommit to the Chair the appointment of the Committee on New Buildings and of the Committee on School Houses.

Lost, by a vote of 6 to 7.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, July 26, 1898.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Fleischer.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for a Primary School-house at Forest Hills, prepared by Perkins & Betton, Architects, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said Perkins & Betton are hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications.

Approval of plans and specifications for Primary School-house, Forest Hills.

Accompanying the plans and specifications was the written approval of the Superintendent, as follows:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, July 26, 1898.

To the Committee on School Houses:

SIRS: I have examined with care the plans and specifications for the proposed new Primary School-house on Walk Hill street, Forest

Hills, West Roxbury District, said plans having been made and said specifications having been prepared by Perkins & Betton, Architects, at 13 School street, Boston. These plans consist of seven (7) blue-prints of drawings. They and the specifications are hereby approved by me.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the same committee, it was

Approval of plans and specifications, Primary School-house, Thomas N. Hart District.

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for a Primary School-house in the Thomas N. Hart District, prepared by William H. Besarick, Architect, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said William H. Besarick is hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications.

Accompanying the plans and specifications was the written approval of the Superintendent, as follows:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, July 26, 1898.

To the Committee on School Houses:

SIRS: I have examined with care the plans and specifications for the proposed new Primary School-house on Sixth street, corner of H street, in the South Boston District, said plans having been made and said specifications having been prepared by William H. Besarick, Architect, at 13 School street, Boston. These plans consist of fourteen (14) blue-prints of drawings. They and the specifications are hereby approved by me.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

On motion of Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Ordered, That the amount paid by Mrs. N. G. Sias, of Chelsea, Mass., for tuition from May 24, 1898, to July 1, 1898, of Bela R. Sias, a non-resident pupil in the Mechanic Arts High School, viz., nine and $\frac{85}{100}$ dollars ($9.85) be abated, said pupil having left the school May 24, 1898.

Abatement of tuition of Bela R. Sias.

Mr. Allen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 30 — an order concerning the employment of a laboratory assistant in the Mechanic Arts High School, reported that they have considered the matter, and are of the opinion that it properly comes within the jurisdiction of the Committee on High Schools.

Report of Committee on Accounts; laboratory assistant, Mechanic Arts High School. [See p. 385.]

They therefore recommend that the following order be referred to the Committee on High Schools:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment in the Mechanic Arts High School, for the school year 1898–99, of a laboratory assistant, at a salary not exceeding three hundred dollars ($300).

Accepted, and the order referred to the Committee on High Schools.

Mr. Allen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 30 — an order concerning the employment of graduates of the Mechanic Arts High School as special assistants, reported that they have considered the matter, and are of the opinion that the following order ought to pass:

Report of Committee on Accounts; special assistants, Mechanic Arts High School. [See p. 385.]

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment for the school year 1898–99 of not more than four graduates of the Mechanic Arts High School, the salary of each graduate employed not to exceed two dollars per day of actual service, as special assistants in the mechanical department of that school, these special assistants

to be in place of one additional instructor, to which said school is entitled under the rules.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the report and order were referred to the Committee on High Schools.

Report of Committee on Accounts; estimate of expenses of public schools for year beginning Sept. 1, 1898.
[See p. 406.]

Mr. Allen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — July 19 — an order requesting them to present an estimate of the expenses of the public schools for the year beginning Sept. 1, 1898, reported that they have given the matter careful consideration, and present the following, based upon conditions now existing:

Sept. 1, 1898, to Sept. 1, 1899.

Salaries of instructors		$2,075,000
Salaries of officers		76,500
Salaries of janitors		154,500
Fuel, gas, and water		103,500
Supplies and incidentals		152,500
School-houses, repairs, etc.		255,000
		$2,817,000
Appropriation available to meet expenses:		
Surplus from financial year 1898–99	$10,000	
Four months' appropriation of 1898–99, one-third of $2,700,589	900,196	
Estimated valuation 1899–1900, $975,000,000; two-thirds of $2.85 on said amount,	1,852,500	
Two-thirds of $36,000, the estimated income	24,000	
		2,786,696
Estimated deficit		$30,304

Accepted.

Mr. Bassett offered the following:

Committee on Accounts to submit estimate concerning salaries.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to submit at the next meeting of the Board a statement showing to what extent the appropriation available for the support of the public schools under chapter 400 of the Acts of 1898 will be exceeded, should the present schedule of salaries be continued

until Sept. 1, 1899; and whether or not any deficit that might thereby be created can be met by a reduction of expenses in any other direction.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Bassett offered the following:

Ordered, That the school year be changed to commence January 1, to coincide with the payments made during the financial year; and that the Committee on Rules and Regulations be authorized to report to the School Board the necessary amendments in the rules to conform to this change.

Rules amended to provide that school year commence January 1.

Ordered, That the rules be amended so as to provide that the Committee on Salaries shall report to the School Board, in print, at the first meeting in December, the schedule of salaries for the ensuing school year; and that the Committee on Rules and Regulations be authorized to report to the School Board the necessary amendments in the rules to conform to this change.

Rules amended to provide that Committee on Salaries report in print at first meeting in December.

Mr. Bassett moved that the orders be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Anderson moved that the orders be laid on the table.

Lost.

Mr. Strange moved as a substitute that the salaries paid for the year ending Aug. 31, 1898, be adopted for the year ending Aug. 31, 1899.

Mr. Lowell raised the point of order that the substitute motion offered by Mr. Strange could not be entertained, as it was not germane to the matter under consideration.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

The orders offered by Mr. Bassett were referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Strange moved that the salaries paid for the year

ending Aug. 31, 1898, be adopted for the year ending Aug. 31, 1899.

Mr. Lowell raised the point of order that this motion, under the rules, should be referred to the Committee on Salaries.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Mr. Strange moved that the vote whereby the Board voted at the preceding meeting to recommit the whole matter of salaries to the Committee on Salaries be reconsidered.

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order that under section 24 of the Rules, Mr. Strange's motion could not be entertained.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Mr. Allen moved that the vote whereby the Board voted at the preceding meeting to recommit the whole matter of salaries to the Committee on Salaries be rescinded.

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order that a motion to rescind, as a matter of parliamentary procedure, was not in order.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Mr. Strange offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be ordered to report forthwith on the whole question of salaries referred to them.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the yeas and nays were ordered on the foregoing order.

Mr. Bassett moved that the order be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to lay on the table.

Mr. Bassett's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Bassett, Calderwood, Coolidge, Davison, Huggan, and Lowell — 6.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Anderson, Burrill,

Courtney, Eaton, Gallivan, Hubbard, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Nichols, Paul, and Strange — 13.

Absent: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Fleischer.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of the order offered by Mr. Strange.

The order passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Anderson, Burrill, Courtney, Eaton, Gallivan, Hubbard, McDonald, Nichols, Paul, and Strange — 12. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Bassett, Calderwood, Coolidge, Davison, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Lowell — 7.

Absent: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Fleischer.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the Board took a recess of ten minutes.

The Board reassembled at 8.34 o'clock, P.M.

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, who had been ordered to report forthwith on the whole question of salaries referred to them, reported progress, and moved that the committee be granted further time.

Mr. Strange raised the point of order that inasmuch as the Committee on Salaries had been instructed to report forthwith, Mr. Bassett's motion for further time could not be entertained.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the yeas and nays were ordered on the acceptance of Mr. Bassett's report and the motion that the Committee on Salaries be allowed further time.

The report was accepted and further time granted, by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Bassett, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Eaton, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell, Nichols, and Paul — 14. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Allen, Anderson, Gallivan, McDonald, and Strange — 5.

Absent: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Fleischer.

Appointment of Committees on New Buildings and School Houses.

The Chair appointed the following committees:

New Buildings. — William T. Eaton, Chairman; Messrs. Huggan, Aldrich, Bassett, and Courtney.

School Houses. — Thomas F. Strange, Chairman; Messrs. Lowell, Coolidge, Davison, and Eaton.

The appointments were approved.

Mr. Strange offered the following:

Adjournment.

Ordered, That the Board adjourn to meet Aug. 2, 1898, at 7.30 o'clock, and that the Committee on Salaries be instructed to report at that time.

Mr. Allen moved that the order offered by Mr. Strange be amended by substituting the date August 23 for the date August 2.

Mr. Lowell moved to amend the order offered by Mr. Strange, so that the Board adjourn subject to the call of the Chair.

Mr. Lowell's motion to amend passed by a vote of 11 to 6.

The order passed as amended.

Mr. Anderson offered the following:

Amendment to Rules and Regulations.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECT. 183. Strike out, in the seventh line of the second paragraph, the words "the visitor, and, in his or her," and substitute in place thereof the words "any member of the committee in charge, and, in their."

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the rules were suspended, the order read twice, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Aug. 19, 1898.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the city of Boston, called by order of the President, was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at 4 o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Bowdlear, Fleischer, Gallivan, McDonald, and Strange.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the records of the last meeting were amended on page 418 by substituting the name of Mr. Hubbard for that of Mr. Eaton as a member of the Committee on School Houses. Records amended.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed as amended.

The following appointment, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

ON PROBATION.

Boys' Latin School. — William A. Edwards, John Haynes, junior-masters, from Sept. 6, 1898. Teachers appointed on probation. (See p. 391.)

The Superintendent presented the following:

At the request of the appointee I ask leave to withdraw the appointment of William A. Edwards, which was made at the meeting of the School Board, July 19, 1898.

Approved.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the appointment of John Haynes as junior-master in the Boys' Latin School from Sept. 6, 1898, was referred to the Committee on High Schools.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Naming of Eustis-street Primary School-house in honor of Albert Palmer. (See p. 395.)

Ordered, That the Eustis-street Primary School be called the Albert Palmer School in honor of the late ex-Mayor Albert Palmer.

Passed, 13 members voting in the affirmative.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Payment to Wallace C. Boyden. (See p. 402.)

Ordered, That there be paid to Wallace C. Boyden, master of the Normal School, the sum of three hundred and sixty dollars ($360) for extra services performed during the year in the Normal School.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the order was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Payment to Hartvig Nissen. (See p. 401.)

Ordered, That there be paid to Hartvig Nissen, assistant to the Director of Physical Training, the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars ($120) for extra services performed by him during the past year.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Appropriation for Bowditch School-house addition. (See p. 392.)

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

Bowditch School-house addition, $13,000.

Passed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land taken for school purposes on

City of Boston.
Street Commissioners' Office,
City Hall, Aug. 17, 1898.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have this day voted as follows:

Voted, That the vote of this Board of November 20, 1896, — that the Board agrees with James T. Maher upon the sum of ten thousand five hundred seventy and $\frac{95}{100}$ dollars as payment for his estate at the corner of Chambers and Poplar streets, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said Maher giving to the city a deed for said estate satisfactory to the Law Department, — be, and the same hereby is, rescinded. Chambers and Poplar streets.

Voted, That the Board agrees with the heirs of James T. Maher upon the sum of eleven thousand five hundred seventy and $\frac{95}{100}$ dollars as payment for his estate at the corner of Chambers and Poplar streets, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said heirs giving to the city a deed for said estate satisfactory to the Law Department.

The accompanying copy of a letter from the Corporation Counsel, approved by the Mayor, is sent in explanation of the foregoing votes.

Respectfully,

J. H JENKINS,

Secretary.

City of Boston, Law Department,
73 Tremont St., Boston, Aug. 16, 1898.

Board of Street Commissioners :

Gentlemen: On Nov. 24, 1896, your Board passed the following order: "*Ordered*, That there be paid to James T. Maher the sum of $10,570.95 as payment for the estate at the corner of Chambers and Poplar streets, taken by the Board May 22, 1896, the taking being recorded the same date, for school purposes, on said Maher giving to the city a deed for the same which shall be satisfactory to the Law Department. Passed. Approved by the Mayor, May 27, 1896." Soon after the receipt of the above order this department was notified of the pendency of a bill in equity brought by other parties against Maher, in which bill these parties claimed to be the owners of the land, and that the deed under which the grantor, Maher, claimed was obtained by fraud. The amount was so large that we declined to pay, or call the title satisfactory, until this suit was disposed of, which it was a few months ago by the entry of a finding for the defendant. As the result of the litigation showed that Maher had a good title, I suppose the city had no legal reason for not paying the money, and if suit is brought on the order that interest propably will be awarded. I understand from Judge Corcoran, who is counsel for Mr. Maher, that he has seen your Board and that your Board is willing to pay interest. So understanding, I have agreed with him that a fair sum to be allowed for interest would be $1,000,

that being a little less than the interest on the award from Jan. 1, 1897, to date, and making no allowance for any further delay. If I am correctly informed as to your willingness to allow interest under these circumstances, I would advise that you rescind the former vote and pass a new vote awarding James T. Maher the sum of $11,570.95, and informing the School Committee of your action, in the same manner as was done in the case of Elmer F. Hudson, executor of the estate of Reuben Smith. The settlement of the Hudson-Smith matter was made in accordance with a letter from this department, dated Oct. 25, 1897.

Yours truly,

(Signed) THOMAS M. BABSON,
City Solicitor.

Approved.

(Signed) JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor.

Placed on file.

Report of Superintendent.

The Superintendent presented the following appointment for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

ON PROBATION.

Teacher appointed on probation.

Boys' Latin School. — Albertus T. Dudley, junior master, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Contracts for addition to Norcross School.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute contracts with I. C. Harris & Co., in the sum of $1,379, for erecting and completing an addition to the Norcross School, and with Walter A. Ferguson, in the sum of $947, for painting and tinting the same building, the said Harris & Co. and Ferguson being the lowest bidders.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute contracts with George G. Baker, in the sum of $4,018, for erecting and completing a building for sanitary purposes at the Charles Sumner School, and with William N. McKenna, in the sum of $937, for installing a plumbing system in said building, the said Baker and McKenna being the lowest bidders.

Contracts for a building for sanitary purposes at Charles Sumner School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, to whom was referred — July 19 — a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to include in their next appropriation a sum sufficient to place the Phillips School-house, corner Phillips and Anderson streets, Ward 11, in thorough repair, and to make such additions to said school-house as are necessary, according to the plans held by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, reported that they have duly considered the matter and propose to recommend an item to cover the cost of the work suggested in the appropriation for school repairs to be made next year.

Report of Committee on School Houses; repair of Phillips School-house. (See p. 390.)

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 24 — an order that improved heating and sanitary arrangements be provided for the Sherwin School-house during the summer vacation, reported that they have given the matter attention, but on account of the limited appropriation available for repairs this year they recommend that the work be deferred for the present.

Report of Committee on School Houses; heating and sanitary arrangements to be furnished Sherwin School-house. (See p. 287.)

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Thomas J. Gill.

Ordered, That there be paid to Thomas J. Gill, janitor of the Hugh O'Brien School-house, the sum of fifty dollars ($50) for extra services performed during the school year 1897–98.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Joseph P. Fleming.

Ordered, That there be paid to Joseph P. Fleming, janitor of the Hancock School-house, the sum of twenty-five dollars ($25) for extra services performed during the school year 1897–98.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Timothy Johnson.

Ordered, That there be paid to Timothy Johnson the sum of forty-two dollars ($42) for services rendered as janitor of Curtis Hall.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Denison House Association.

Ordered, That there be paid to the Denison House Association the sum of twenty-four dollars ($24) for cleaning and heating the Denison House Kindergarten, from March 1 to June 28, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on School Houses; surrender to City Council of Parkman School-house.

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order that the Parkman School-house be surrendered to the City Council, reported that your committee have investigated this matter and are of the opinion that it would be desirable to utilize this building for storage purposes, and

they therefore recommend that no action be taken, for the present, on the order referred.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; defective sanitation of Polk-street Primary School-house. (See p. 277.)

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 24 — an order that the Polk-street Primary School-house, Prescott District, be placed in proper sanitary condition, reported that the amount of the appropriation available for repairs on school-houses, and the more serious conditions existing in other school buildings, will not permit of favorable action on this matter at present.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; new ventilating apparatus for Edward Everett Primary School-house. (See p. 257.)

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 10 — an order that the Edward Everett Primary School-house, Sumner street, Dorchester, be supplied with new ventilating apparatus, and other necessary repairs made, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend that action thereon be deferred for the present.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; general repair of Medford-street Primary School-house. (See p. 277.)

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 24 — an order that the Medford-street Primary School-house, Prescott District, be repaired and painted, reported that the matter has received attention, and they recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; opening of Roger Clap School-house

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, to whom was referred — July 19 — a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to open the yard of the Roger

yard for use as playground for children. (See p. 389.)

Clap School, Harvest street, as a playground for the children during the present vacation, reported that the matter has received attention, and your committee recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the yard of the Roger Clap School has been opened for use as a playground as suggested in the communication referred.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on New Buildings, it was

Order for purchase of land on Chambers and Poplar streets rescinded.

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board — Nov. 24, 1896 — that there be paid to James T. Maher the sum of ten thousand five hundred seventy and $\frac{95}{100}$ dollars ($10,570.95) as payment for the estate at the corner of Chambers and Poplar streets, taken by the Board May 22, 1896 (and taking recorded same day), for school purposes, upon said Maher giving to the city a deed for the same which shall be satisfactory to the Law Department — be, and the same hereby is, rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of land on Chambers and Poplar streets.

Ordered, That there be paid to the heirs of James T. Maher the sum of eleven thousand five hundred seventy and $\frac{95}{100}$ dollars ($11,570.95) as payment for the estate at the corner of Chambers and Poplar streets taken by the city May 22, 1896 (and taking recorded same day), for school purposes, upon said heirs giving to the city a deed for said estate satisfactory to the Law Department.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; contract for new Dorchester High School. (See p. 324.)

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, reported that proposals have been advertised for, and received, for constructing the new Dorchester High School-house, in accordance with the plans and specifications approved

by the Board June 14, and your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with Frank G. Coburn & Co., in the sum of $217,900, for constructing the new Dorchester High School-house, said Frank G. Coburn & Co. being the lowest bidders.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; contract for addition to and alteration of Mechanic Arts High School Building. (See p. 397.)

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, reported that, under authority granted by the Board July 19, they have advertised for and received proposals for an addition to and alteration of the Mechanic Arts High School Building, and they recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with James Fagan, in the sum of $45,000, for erecting and completing the addition to and alteration of the Mechanic Arts High School Building, said Fagan being the lowest bidder.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; contract for addition to Bowditch Grammar School-house. (See p. 392.)

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, reported that, under authority granted by the Board July 19, they have advertised for and received proposals to construct and erect an addition of two rooms to the Bowditch Grammar School-house, and they recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with John J. Flynn, in the sum of $9,425, for the construction of an addition of two rooms to the Bowditch

Grammar School-house, said Flynn being the lowest bidder.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; contracts for Primary School-house, Webster avenue. (See pp. 349, 350.)

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, reported that, under authority granted by the Board June 30, they have advertised for and received proposals to erect and complete an eight-room Primary School-house on Webster avenue, Brighton, and they recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute contracts with Frank G. Coburn & Co., in the sum of $34,900, for erecting and completing, and with Pierce & Cox, in the sum of $2,765, for furnishing a plumbing system for, the new Webster-avenue Primary School-house, the said Frank G. Coburn & Co. and Pierce & Cox being the lowest bidders.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; contract for grading yard of West Roxbury High School. (See pp. 347, 348.)

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, reported that, under authority granted by the Board June 30, they have advertised for and received proposals for grading the yard of the West Roxbury High School, and they recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with W. H. Keyes & Co., in the sum of $18,437, for grading the yard of the West Roxbury High School, said W. H. Keyes & Co. being the lowest bidders.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

Appropriation for South Boston High School-house.

South Boston High School-house . . $44,819.73

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, reported that in accordance with the terms of an order passed June 14 proposals have been obtained for selling to the city a lot of land within the Lewis and Hugh O'Brien Districts for a site for a new Grammar School, and a hearing has been granted, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 202 of the Acts of 1897. Your committee now recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on New Buildings; purchase of land for a new Grammar School-house within Lewis and Hugh O'Brien Districts. (See pp. 325, 326.)

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, a parcel of land supposed to belong to H. M. Cunningham, on Quincy and Perth streets and Phipps avenue, bounded northeast by Quincy street, about one hundred and fifty-five feet; southeast by Perth street, about two hundred feet; southwest by Phipps avenue, about one hundred and sixty feet; and northwest by other land of said Cunningham, about one hundred and eighty-five feet; containing thirty-two thousand three hundred and eighty-eight square feet, more or less.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That A. Warren Gould, architect, be selected to prepare plans for a new Grammar School-house on Quincy street, Dorchester District.

Selection of architect for new Grammar School-house on Quincy street, Dorchester District.

Mr. Courtney offered the following:

Opening of schools in September.

Ordered, That the public schools of Boston open in September, 1898, on Monday, the twelfth day of September, instead of on Tuesday, the sixth, as fixed for the opening this year by the rules.

The Chair stated that it would require a suspension of the rules to pass the order.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, the necessary number not voting therefor.

Death of Helena F. Leary.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, reported the death of Helena F. Leary, late assistant, Grammar School, Washington Allston District.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 13, 1898.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street building, on Tuesday, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Burrill, Calderwood, and Huggan.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by Mr. Willard S. Allen, the senior member of the Board. Election of President *pro tempore.*

On motion of Mr. Strange, the rule requiring the election of a President *pro tempore* by ballot was suspended, and Mr. Allen was elected President *pro tempore.*

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That there be paid to Timothy Johnson the sum of forty-two dollars ($42) for services rendered as janitor of Curtis Hall. Payment to Timothy Johnson. [See p. 424.]

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the order was laid on the table.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That there be paid to Joseph P. Fleming, janitor of the Hancock School-house, the sum of twenty-five dollars ($25) for extra services performed during the school year 1897–98. Payment to Joseph P. Fleming. [See p. 424.]

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the order was laid on the table.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Payment to Denison House Association. [See p. 424.]

Ordered, That there be paid to the Denison House Association the sum of twenty-four dollars ($24) for cleaning and heating the Denison House Kindergarten from March 1 to June 28, 1898.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read;

Payment to Thomas J. Gill. [See p. 424.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Thomas J. Gill, janitor of the Hugh O'Brien School-house, the sum of fifty dollars ($50) for extra services performed during the School year 1897–98.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the order was laid on the table.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Secretary I.O.O.F.; suspension of schools on Sept. 21.

HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RECEPTION AND ENTERTAINMENT OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, I.O.O.F., SESSION OF 1898.

515 TREMONT STREET, BOSTON, Sept. 9, 1898.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

GENTLEMEN: On Wednesday, the 21st inst., there will be held in this city a grand parade of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in honor of its Supreme Body, the Sovereign Grand Lodge, representing throughout the world a membership of more than one million.

It is respectfully requested by this committee that the sessions of the public schools of the city of Boston be suspended on that day.

For the committee,

J. LAWRENCE MARTIN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from City

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Sept. 6, 1898.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to consider the

expediency of extending the summer vacation in the public schools until September 15th of each year.

Council, date of reopening schools in September.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Sept. 8, concurred.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN,
City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The Superintendent presented the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Eliot District. — Lucette A. Wentworth, assistant, Grammar School, Oct. 1, 1898.

Minot District. — Alice G. Hamblett, first assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1898.

School on Spectacle Island. — Martha B. Stevens, instructor, Sept. 1, 1898.

Manual Training Schools. — Frederick B. Abbott, Augusta C. Beckwith, Edla M. Petersson, assistant instructors, Sept. 1, 1898.

Kindergartens.

Cushman School. — Anne L. Page, principal, Sept. 1, 1898; Anne R. Howard, assistant, Sept. 6, 1898.

Shurtleff School. — Edith C. Gleason, assistant, Oct. 1, 1898.

Accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments and confirmations for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Bennett District. — Mabel K. Tucker, Katherine F. Wood, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Bowditch District. — Annie Fitzgerald, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Eliot District. — Mary E. Hughes, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Phillips District. — Henrietta Chase, Helen F. Prentiss, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Sherwin District. — Mary F. Sullivan, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Winthrop District. — Katherine E. Cotter, from Sept. 7, 1898.

Greenwood Hall Kindergarten. — Mary A. Daly, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

English High School. — Frank E. Poole, junior-master, from Sept. 12, 1898.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Albert W. Thayer, junior-master; Anna M. Vaughan, assistant instructor, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Bowditch District. — M. Louise C. Jones, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Hancock District. — Mary E. O'Hare, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Tileston District. — Elizabeth C. Banker, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1898.

Schools of Cookery. — Annie M. Eaton, instructor, from Sept. 7, 1898.

Placed on file.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

Boys' Latin School. — Frederick Reed, junior-master, from Sept. 6, 1898; Herbert T. Rich, junior-master, from Sept. 12, 1898.

Girls' Latin School. — Edith H. Wilder, assistant, from Sept. 6, 1898.

English High School. — Fred R. Miller, junior-master, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Girls' High School. — Thomas H. H. Knight, junior-master, from Sept. 6, 1898; Florence M. Kilburn, special teacher of book-keeping and phonography, from Sept. 19, 1898; Grace H. Perkins, assistant, from Sept. 19, 1898.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Charles L. Hanson, junior-master, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Dearborn District. — Elizabeth B. McKeon, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Dillaway District. — Ada L. Donkin, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Hancock District. — Helen A. Hackett, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Roger Clap District. — Grace L. Giffiths, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 7, 1898.

Manual Training Schools. — James G. Clarke, Annie V. Comins, Aimee Lundgren, assistant instructors, from Sept. 7, 1898.

Schools of Cookery. — Mary Cunningham, Elizabeth T. Sumner, instructors, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Kindergartens.

Cushman School. — Laura W. Montague, assistant, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Centre-street School. — R. Genevieve McMorrow, assistant, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Charlestown High School. — Harriet E. Hutchinson, assistant.

East Boston High School. — Gracia E. Read, assistant.

Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools. — Jacob Lehmann, special teacher of German.

West Roxbury High School. — Fannie B. Wilson, assistant.

Adams District. — Annie A. Doran, assistant, Primary School.

Agassiz District. — Jennie A. Faxon, assistant, Grammar School.

Bigelow District. — Ellen Coe, first assistant, Grammar School; Frances Z. Whalen, assistant, Grammar School.

Bowditch District. — Mary E. Whitney, first assistant, Primary School.

Christopher Gibson District. — Frederick W. Shattuck, sub-master; Elizabeth G. Crotty, assistant, Primary School.

Dudley District. — Alice M. Crowell, assistant, Grammar School.

Hancock District. — Ella A. Curtis, assistant, Primary School.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Alice B. Cherrington, assistant, Grammar School.

Hyde District. — Susan J. Ginn, assistant, Primary School.

Longfellow District. — Elizabeth M. Mann, first assistant, Grammar School; Mary A. McCarthy, assistant, Primary School.

Lyman District. — Mary E. Williams, first assistant, Primary School.

Martin District. — Lydia A. Buxton, assistant, Primary School.

Mather District. — Frances Forsaith, assistant, Grammar School.

Norcross District. — Mary R. Roberts, first assistant, Grammar School.

Prince District. — Ellen F. G. O'Connor, Eva G. Reed, Abbie E. Wilson, assistants, Grammar School; Lillian F. Sheldon, assistant, Primary School.

Robert G. Shaw District. — Julia F. Coombs, assistant, Grammar School.

Roger Clap District. — Kate L. Brown, assistant, Primary School.

Sherwin District. — Sara M. Baker, assistant, Grammar School.

Horace Mann School. — Stella E. Weaver, assistant.

Manual Training Schools. — John C. Brodhead, Sölvi Greve, George F. Hatch, assistant instructors.

Kindergartens.

Lauriat-avenue School. — Miriam S. Cutler, assistant.

School-street School. — Alice B. Torrey, assistant.

Thetford-street School. — Sarah T. Whitmarsh, principal.

Laid over, under the rule.

EVENING DRAWING SCHOOLS.

Principals of Evening Drawing Schools.

Principals of Evening Drawing Schools for the term 1898–99 to date from Oct. 10, 1898:

Masters: George H. Bartlett, George Jepson.

Principals: Charles L. Adams, Anson K. Cross, Albert L. Ware.

Laid over, under the rule.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board :

Charlestown High School. — Nellie I. Simpson, substitute for Elizabeth G. Dowd, assistant, granted leave of absence.

Agassiz District. — Alice B. White, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 1, 1898, to Jan. 1, 1899 ; James H. Gormley, substitute.

Bowdoin District. — E. Laura Tilden, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 12, 1898, to Oct. 1, 1898 ; Elenora A. Smith, substitute.

Dearborn District — M. Agnes Murphy, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 6, 1898, to Dec. 6, 1898 ; Amanda C. Ellison, substitute.

Eliot District. — Lucette A. Wentworth, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 6, 1898, to Oct. 1, 1898 ; Anna L. Foster, substitute. Harriet E. Lampee, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 1, 1898, to Nov. 20, 1898 ; Emma C. G. Keating, substitute.

Gaston District. — Thomas H. Barnes, master, from Sept. 1, 1898, to Jan. 1, 1899.

Hancock District. — Elizabeth T. O'Brien, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 1, 1898, to Jan. 1, 1899 ; Blanche L. Bachelder, substitute. Teresa M. Gargan, first assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 1, 1898, to Dec. 24, 1898 ; Florence M. Briggs, substitute.

Hyde District. — Lucy L. Burgess, first assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 1, 1898, to Nov. 1, 1898 ; Emma S. Gulliver, substitute.

Norcross District. — Sarah A. Gallagher, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 1, 1898, to Nov. 1, 1898; Cherrie W. St. Clair, substitute. Emma F. Gallagher, assistant, Primary School, from June 1, 1898, to Oct. 1, 1898; Agnes J. Hallahan, substitute.

Prince District. — Mary Wilson, first assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 6, 1898, to Dec. 1, 1898; Hattie L. Gates, substitute.

Sherwin District. — Sarah E. Gould, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 6, 1898, to Oct. 1, 1898; Annie C. Lamb, substitute.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto:

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Bennett District. — Jennie L. Worth, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Lydia D. Johnson, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Bunker Hill District. — Marcella C. Coyle, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Christopher Gibson District. — Caroline W. Heckle, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Mr. Lowell moved that the Board authorize the employment of a temporary assistant, Grammar School, in the Bunker Hill District, and of a temporary assistant, Primary School, in the Christopher

Gibson District, in excess of the number allowed by the rules.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The report of the Superintendent, of teachers appointed to these positions, was placed on file.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

East Boston High School. — George D. Bussey, junior-master, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

Cushman Kindergarten. — Anne R. Howard, principal, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Rules suspended.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Leave of absence granted Martha A. Baker.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teacher, for the term specified, under a suspension of the rules:

Tileston District. — Martha A. Baker, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 1, 1898, to Jan. 1, 1899.

Report of Committee on School Houses; additional appropriation for improved sanitation of Dudley and Charles Sumner School-houses. [See p. 393.]

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, reported that on July 19 the Board approved the expenditure of $2,000 for improvements in the sanitaries of the Dudley School-house, and of $4,250 for improvements in the sanitaries of the Charles Sumner School-house. The cost of making these improvements will somewhat exceed the sums named, and your committee now recommend that the Board approve additional amounts, as follows:

Dudley School-house, improvements in sanitaries, additional	$400 00
Charles Sumner School-house, improvements in sanitaries, additional	750 00

Accepted, and the expenditure of additional amounts as specified was approved, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be and they hereby are authorized to execute a contract with D. A. Horgan & Co., in the sum of $2,335, for making improvements in the sanitaries of the Dudley School-house, said Horgan & Co. being the lowest bidders.

Contract for improved sanitation, Dudley School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on New Buildings, reported that under authority granted by the Board, May 10, they have advertised for and received proposals for the construction of the new East Boston High School-house. The plans and specifications for this building were approved by the Board with the understanding that its cost should not exceed $200,000, and as all the bids received were in excess of this amount, they were necessarily rejected. Subsequently, at the meeting of July 19, an order was introduced in the Board that this restriction be removed, which was referred to your committee for consideration. Since then the plans and specifications have been very carefully gone over, and certain changes made therein which will considerably reduce the cost of the building without impairment of its appearance or efficiency, and a proposal obtained from Mead, Mason, & Co., the second lowest bidders, to undertake the general contract for the sum of $203,006, a reduction of $23,944 from their original bid. Your committee now estimate the entire cost of the building, including architect's commission, at $245,000, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on New Buildings; contract for erection of East Boston High School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be and they hereby are authorized to execute a contract with Mead, Mason, & Co., in the sum of $203,006, for constructing the East Boston High School-house, said Mead, Mason, & Co. being the second lowest bidders.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Eaton moved a suspension of the rules, that the order might be put on its passage.

Rules suspended.

The rules were suspended by a vote of 15 to 2.

Mr. Anderson moved that the order be temporarily laid on the table.

Passed, by a vote of 8 to 7.

Mr. Strange doubted the vote, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Anderson's motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bassett, Coolidge, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Gallivan, Hubbard, Lowell, and Nichols — 11.

Nays: Messrs. Allen, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Paul, and Strange — 7.

Absent: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Burrill, Calderwood, and Huggan. (See Minutes, p. 455.)

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Appropriation for grading old Gibson School-house yard.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

Old Gibson School-house yard, grading . $500

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Contract for grading around two-room

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be and they hereby are authorized to execute a contract

with Thomas Minton, in the sum of $478, for grading and sodding around the two-room building in the yard of the old Gibson School. building, old Gibson School-yard.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be and they hereby are authorized to execute a contract with Mack & Moore, in the sum of $22,575, for grading the yard of the West Roxbury High School, said Mack & Moore being the second lowest bidders, the lowest bidder having forfeited his deposit by failing to execute contract. Contract for grading yard of West Roxbury High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Strange moved that the Committee on New Buildings be instructed to return the deposit made by the lowest bidder, W. H. Keyes & Co.

Mr. Gallivan moved that Mr. Strange's motion be referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Paul raised the point of order that it was not competent for the Board to return deposits forfeited under such circumstances, as they became property of the city, over which the School Committee had no control.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the vote passed by the Board — Aug. 19 — that the Committee on New Buildings be and they hereby are authorized to execute a contract with W. H. Keyes & Co., in the sum of $18,437, for grading the yard of the West Roxbury High School, said W. H. Keyes & Co. being the lowest bidders, be and the same hereby is rescinded. Contract with W. H. Keyes & Co. for grading yard of West Roxbury High School rescinded.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on New Buildings, reported that in order to bring the cost of the Baker-street Report of Committee on New Buildings;

Contracts for building, plumbing, and heating Baker-street Primary School-house.

Primary School-house within the appropriation of $30,000 your committee have made certain slight changes in the specifications, and have obtained a reduction of $1,098 from the lowest bid on the general contract. They recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be and they hereby are authorized to execute contracts in connection with the new Primary School-house, Baker street, West Roxbury, as follows:

Building, G. M. Pratt	$24,830
Plumbing, Pierce & Cox	1,597
Heating and ventilating, Huey Bros. .	1,927

the said G. M. Pratt, Pierce & Cox, and Huey Bros. being the lowest bidders.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Contracts for building, plumbing, and heating Primary School-house, Thomas N. Hart District.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be and they hereby are authorized to execute contracts in connection with the new Primary School-house, Thomas N. Hart District, as follows:

Building, Walter S. Sampson & Son .	$36,600
Plumbing, Isaac N. Tucker . . .	2,397
Heating and ventilating, The Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Co. . .	2,888

the said Walter S. Sampson & Son, Isaac N. Tucker, and The Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Co. being the lowest bidders.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Addition to contract of addition to

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be and they hereby are authorized to execute an addition to the contract of John J. Flynn, for the construction of

an addition of two rooms to the Bowditch School-house, in the sum of $198, on account of extra labor occasioned by unavoidable delay in obtaining face brick specified.

Bowditch School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Accounts, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary due Helena F. Leary, deceased, late Primary assistant in the Washington Allston District, be paid to her mother, Louisa Leary.

Payment of salary due Helena F. Leary.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, presented the following:

Whereas, It has been found that, owing to unforeseen delays, the final passage of the annual salary schedule will not be in season for the instructors to receive their pay for September, 1898, at the usual time, the following order is presented to meet the emergency:

Report of Committee on Accounts; payment of salaries for month of September, 1898.

Ordered, That the instructors employed for September, 1898, be paid according to the schedule of salaries for 1897–98, as supplemented by any subsequent action of the School Board; it being understood that when the schedule for 1898–99 is passed, such additions to or deductions from the salaries as may be necessary to conform to the new schedule will be made in the salary due for October, 1898.

Mr. Strange moved that the order be amended by striking out all following the date "1897–98," in the third line, so that the order will read as follows:

Ordered, That the instructors employed for September, 1898, be paid according to the schedule of salaries for 1897–98.

Mr. Strange moved the yeas and nays on the adoption of his amendment.

Lost.

Mr. Lowell raised the point of order that the amendment offered by Mr. Strange was not germane to the original order and could not be entertained.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

Mr. Strange's motion to amend was lost.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of the order offered by Mr. Gallivan.

Passed.

Report of Committee on Accounts; payment to Wallace C. Boyden. [See pp. 402, 420.]

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Aug. 19 — an order that there be paid to Wallace C. Boyden, master of the Normal School, the sum of three hundred and sixty dollars ($360) for extra services performed during the year in the Normal School, reported that they have carefully considered the matter, and are of the opinion that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Death of Mary H. Downe.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, reported the death of Mary H. Downe, late assistant, Primary School, Everett District.

Accepted.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following:

Appointment of junior-master, Girls' High School. Rules suspended.

Ordered, That the appointment of a junior-master in the Girls' High School be authorized.

Passed, under the supension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Supplies; Greek text-books in Latin Schools.

Mr. Davison, for the Committee on Supplies, reported that in their opinion the price charged for Robinson's Short History of Greece (lately adopted as a text-book in the Latin Schools) is excessive. In consequence thereof the committee beg leave to present the following order:

Ordered, That the text-books used last year in the study of Greek history in the Latin Schools be continued for the present year.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules, 17 members voting in the affirmative.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Davison offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 16, section 206, of the Rules and Regulations be amended by striking out, in the fourth line, the word "Tuesday" and substituting therefor the words "second Wednesday."

Amendment of Rules and Regulations; date of reopening of schools in September.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom were referred — July 26 — an order that the school year be changed to commence January 1, to coincide with the payments made during the financial year; also an order that the rules be amended to provide that the Committee on Salaries shall report the annual schedule of salaries for the ensuing year at the first meeting of the Board in December, reported that your committee have given these matters due consideration, and are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to make the changes suggested in the orders referred.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; school year to commence Jan. 1; Committee on Salaries to report schedule of salaries first meeting in December. [See pp. 414, 415.]

Accepted.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 13 — a communication from J. Lawrence Martin, Secretary of the Committee on Arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the Sovereign Grand Lodge I.O.O.F., requesting that the sessions of the public schools of the city of Boston be suspended on Wednesday, September 21, on account of a grand parade of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, reported that they have considered the matter, and in their judgment the request should not be granted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; request from Secretary I.O.O.F. for suspension of school sessions, Sept. 21. [See p. 432.]

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on Truant Officers, it was

Committee on Truant Officers authorized to report in print.

Ordered, That the Committee on Truant Officers be authorized to report in print.

Death of Irene W. Wentworth.

Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on the Third Division, reported the death of Irene W. Wentworth, late assistant, Grammar School, Bowdoin District.

Accepted.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, offered the following:

Teacher of woodworking, Horace Mann School.

Ordered, That Kate F. Hobart, a regular teacher in the Horace Mann School, be authorized to teach woodworking in the afternoon, and that suitable compensation be allowed for the same.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Paul, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Appointment of clerk of Evening High School.

Ordered, That Frank E. Barnard be appointed clerk of the Evening High School, at a salary of four dollars ($4) per evening, to date from Sept. 26, 1898, said salary to be in full for all services required of him by the Committee on Evening Schools, and by the Committee on Supplies.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Paul, for the same committee, offered the following:

Additional assistance, chemical laboratory, Evening High School.

Ordered, That the committee on Evening Schools be authorized to employ such additional assistance in the physical and chemical laboratory of the Evening High School as may be needed, at an expense not exceeding two dollars ($2) per evening.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following:

Appointment and salary of Enos C. Leaverton.

Ordered, That Enos C. Leaverton, having been approved by the Superintendent, be appointed special

teacher of the school on Spectacle Island, on probation, from Sept. 6, 1898, and that his salary be at the rate of four hundred dollars ($400) per year, payable quarterly, said sum to be in full for all expenses connected with the school, except for books.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Report of Committee on Salaries; establishing schedule of salaries for ensuing year. [See p. 406.]

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was recommitted — July 19 — the whole matter of establishing a schedule of salaries for the year ending Aug. 31, 1899, reported that at the meeting of June 30 they submitted, in accordance with the rules, their annual report, which was accepted and the orders appended thereto laid on the table. At the meeting of July 19 the orders were taken up for consideration at the instance of your committee, and the Board placed itself on record as in favor of continuing the present schedule of salaries for the ensuing year by a vote of 11 to 7. Subsequently, at the same meeting, the whole matter, as hereinbefore stated, was recommitted to your committee, who were confronted with the following situation:

First, The certainty of a deficit under the limitations of chapter 400 of the Acts of 1898. This deficit was anticipated by the Board when, at the meeting of March 22, a protest was entered against the passage of any bill that would prevent the School Committee from carrying out their agreement with the instructors in the public schools, as expressed in the schedule of salaries adopted in the summer of 1896. At the same meeting the Committee on Accounts reported that "no less than $2.80 on a thousand of the average assessed valuation of the city for the past five years will be needed to meet the net running expenses of the schools for the present financial year, $2.90 for the financial year 1899–1900, after which $3.00 at least will be required for subsequent years." The Legislature, however, saw fit to fix the limit of expenditure for the financial year ending Jan. 31, 1899, at $2.80, for the following year at $2.85, and for subsequent years at $2.90, thus reducing the estimated amount necessary for the proper support of the public schools about $50,000 for the year ending Jan. 31, 1899, and about $100,000 for the following year. The first section of the Act referred to provides that "Any vote or appropriation requiring larger assessment than as above specified shall be void, and said School Committee shall have no authority to incur any liability or make any expenditure in excess of such appropriation, anything in any statute to the contrary notwithstanding." In this connection it may be interesting, though

hardly necessary, to quote the opinion of the Corporation Counsel as rendered in response to an inquiry, as follows: "Any member voting for an expenditure exceeding this appropriation renders himself personally liable therefor."

Second, From the action of the Board at its last two meetings, it is evident that a majority of the members are opposed to the reductions recommended in the report of this committee submitted on June 30. It is also evident that a majority are opposed to any change in the present schedule, believing that, notwithstanding certain inequalities and apparent injustices, it is manifestly unwise to undertake the making of a new schedule at the present time. A still greater objection to a general change of salaries this year arises from the fact that unless relief is secured at the next session of the Legislature, a deficit of approximately $100,000 for the financial year ending Jan. 31, 1900, will probably render necessary the adoption of a new schedule of salaries.

At the meeting of July 26 a report was submitted by the Committee on Accounts, showing that the estimated expenses of the committee for the year ending Aug. 31, 1899, will exceed the available appropriation by the sum of $30,304.

To meet this emergency your committee recommend the discontinuance of compensation to training teachers, which amounts to about $4,500 per annum, and that the salary of every person (Superintendent, Supervisors, Secretary, Auditing Clerk, Instructors, Janitors, etc.) in the employ of the School Committee be reduced ten per cent. from the amount due them for the month of August, 1899, with the exception of those whose salary for said month will be less than $60. In computing the proposed reduction no account is to be taken of any fraction of ten dollars. The saving thereby effected would amount to about $15,500, to which should be added the $4,500 for the compensation of training teachers, making a total of $20,000. If no additional Kindergartens or Manual Training Schools are established during the ensuing year, a further saving of about $3,000 will result, making a total of $23,000, leaving $7,304 to be saved in other directions, which your committee are assured can be done. Your committee believe that this assessment, which does not in any way change the present schedule, is absolutely fair, and does not touch instructors receiving small salaries, will be borne cheerfully by every one concerned. Furthermore, should the Legislature at its next session afford the relief that is anticipated, or should the required saving be effected in other directions, the amount deducted from the salary of each individual for the month of August, 1899, can be added to his or her salary for the month of September, 1899, and in recom-

mending such action, if it be found possible, to the following Board, your committee are convinced that the moral obligation thereby imposed will be cheerfully and readily recognized.

Your committee also recommend that the scale of salaries for teachers of sewing be rearranged to correspond with the maximum salary to be paid assistants in the Grammar and Primary Schools during the ensuing year; and that the salary of the assistant principal in the Roxbury High School be somewhat increased, both of these recommendations being repeated from their report submitted June 30, and that the salaries of all other instructors continue in accordance with the schedule adopted in September, 1897. Your committee recommend the passage of the following orders:

1. *Ordered*, That the salaries of instructors of the public schools be fixed for the year ending Aug. 31, 1899, as contained in the following schedule, subject to a deduction of ten per cent. for the month of August, 1899, as specified in Order 7:

NORMAL SCHOOL.

Head-Master	$3,780
Master, first year, $2,340; annual increase, $144; maximum,	3,060
Assistants, first year, $1,140; annual increase, $60; maximum	1,620

LATIN AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

Head-Masters	$3,780
Masters	3,060
Junior-Masters, first year, $1,476; annual increase (for eleven years), $144; salary for the twelfth and subsequent years, with the rank of Master	3,060
Assistant Principal, Girls' High School	2,040
Assistant Principal, Roxbury High School, first year, $1,620; annual increase, $72; maximum . . .	1,836
Assistants, first year, $972; annual increase, $72; maximum,	1,620

MECHANIC ARTS HIGH SCHOOL.

Head-Master	$3,780
Masters	3,060
Junior-Masters, first year, $1,476; annual increase (for eleven years), $144; salary for the twelfth and subsequent years, with the rank of Master	3,060
Instructors, first year, $1,500; annual increase, $120; maximum	2,340
Assistant Instructors, first year, $972; annual increase, $72; maximum	1,620

Instructor of Metal-working, first year, $1,800; annual increase, $60; maximum	$2,580

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Masters, first year, $2,580; annual increase, $120; maximum	$3,180
Sub-Masters, first year, $1,500; annual increase, $120; maximum	2,340
First Assistants, first year, $972; annual increase, $48; maximum	1,212
Assistants, first year, $552; annual increase, $48; maximum	936

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

First Assistants, first year, $984; annual increase, $48; maximum	$1,080
Assistants, first year, $552; annual increase, $48; maximum	936

KINDERGARTENS.

Principals, first year, $600; annual increase, $48; maximum	$792
Assistants, first year, $432; annual increase, $48; maximum	624

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Principal, Evening High School (per week), first year, $40; second year, $45; third year and subsequently . .	$50 00
Assistants, Evening High School (per evening) . . .	4 00
Principals, Evening Elementary Schools, in schools where average attendance for month is 100 pupils or more (per evening)	5 00
In schools where average attendance for month is less than 100 (per evening)	4 00
First Assistant, Evening Elementary Schools, in schools where average attendance for month is 75 pupils or more (per evening)	2 50
In schools were average attendance for month is less than 75 (per evening)	2 00
Assistants, Evening Elementary Schools (per evening) .	2 00
[1] Masters, Evening Drawing Schools (per evening) . .	10 00
Principals, Evening Drawing Schools (per evening), first year, $7; second year and subsequently	8 00

[1] The rank of Master in Evening Drawing Schools shall be abolished as the position becomes vacant by the retirement of the present incumbents.

Assistants, Evening Drawing Schools (per evening), first year, $4; second year, $5; third year and subsequently,	$6 00

SPECIAL INSTRUCTORS.

Special Instructors of Music	$2,640
Assistant Instructors of Music	888
Director of Drawing	3,000
Assistants to Director of Drawing (2)	1,500
Master of Evening Drawing Schools	1,200
Assistant to Director of Drawing	800
[1]Assistant to Director of Drawing	2,508
Teacher of German, Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools	1,500
Teacher of Chemistry, Girls' High School	1,620
Laboratory Assistant, Girls' High School	804
" " Roxbury "	804
Teacher of Physical Training, Brighton High School	700
Teacher of Physical Training, Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools	900
Teacher of Physical Training and Reading, Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools	900
Teacher of Physical Training, East Boston High School	300
" " " Culture, Roxbury High School	1,200
Director of Kindergartens	2,880
Assistant Teacher of the Theory and Practice of the Kindergarten, Normal School	1,380
Teacher of Songs and Games, Normal School	240
Director of French and German	3,000
Assistants	1,500
Director of Physical Training	3,000
Assistant	2,280
Horace Mann School for the Deaf:	
Principal	2,880
Assistant Principal, first year, $1,152; annual increase, $72; maximum	1,440
Assistants, first year, $780; annual increase, $72; maximum	1,284
Principal of Manual Training Schools	2,508
Instructors in Manual Training Schools	1,620
Instructors in Manual Training Schools	1,200
Assistant Instructors in Manual Training Schools, first year, $804; annual increase, $48; maximum	996

[1] To give instruction in drawing in the Normal School, and to assist the Director of Drawing.

Principal of Schools of Cookery	$1,500
Instructors in Schools of Cookery, first year, $552; annual increase, $48; maximum	936
Instructor in School on Spectacle Island (including all expenses connected with the school, except for books) .	400
Instructor of Military Drill	2,000
Armorer	1,050

[1] Teachers of Sewing:

One division . . .	$132	Seven divisions . .	$636
Two divisions . .	228	Eight divisions . .	696
Three divisions . .	324	Nine divisions . .	744
Four divisions . .	408	Ten divisions . .	792
Five divisions . .	492	Eleven divisions . .	840
Six divisions . .	564	All over eleven divisions,	888

Special Assistant Teachers, first grade (per day) . .	$1 50
Special Assistant Teachers, Kindergartens (per week) .	5 00

2. *Ordered*, That John Tetlow receive four hundred twenty dollars ($420) per annum, in addition to the regular salary of his rank.

3. *Ordered*, That the Assistant Principal in the Roxbury High School be placed upon the second year of the new schedule, $1,692 per annum, until Jan. 1, 1899, when she shall be placed upon the next higher salary in the new schedule, and continue to increase until the maximum salary of the rank is reached.

4. *Ordered*, That Darius Hadley, Henry F. Sears, Charles F. Kimball, and T. Henry Wason each receive one hundred and twenty dollars ($120) per annum, dating from Sept. 1, 1898, in addition to the maximum salary of their rank, on account of their long service in the public schools.

5. *Ordered*, That the salaries of the teachers of sewing be continued on the present schedule until Jan. 1, 1899, when they shall be paid in accordance with the new schedule.

6. *Ordered*, That the salaries of temporary teachers of the following-named ranks be fixed at the following rates for each day of actual service: Temporary Junior-Master, $5; Assistant, High Schools, $2.50; Sub-Master, Grammar Schools, $4; Instructor, Mechanic Arts High School, $4; Assistant, Grammar or Primary Schools, $2; Assistant Instructor in Schools of Cookery, $2.

7. *Ordered*, That the salaries of all persons in the employ of the School Committee during the month of August, 1899, be reduced ten per cent. from the amount due them for said month, with the exception of those whose salary for said month will be less than $60. In computing said deduction no account shall be taken of any fraction of ten dollars.

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[1] To take effect Jan. 1, 1899.

Mr. Strange moved that the report and orders appended thereto be laid on the table and ordered printed.

Lost.

The Chair stated that the question was on accepting the report of the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The report was accepted by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Bassett, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Hubbard, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Nichols and Paul — 11. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Allen, Anderson, Fleischer, Gallivan, Lowell, McDonald, and Strange — 7.

Absent: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Burrill, Calderwood, and Huggan.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of Order 1.

Mr. Anderson moved that all the orders, 1 to 7 inclusive, be taken up together.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the orders.

The orders passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Bassett, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Hubbard, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Nichols and Paul — 11. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Allen, Anderson, Fleischer, Gallivan, Lowell, McDonald, and Strange — 7.

Absent: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Burrill, Calderwood, and Huggan.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, the Board went into executive session.

The following order was taken from the table, and the yeas and nays ordered on its passage:

Execution of contract for erection of East Boston High School-house. [See p. 442.]

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be and they hereby are authorized to execute a contract with Mead, Mason, & Co., in the sum of $203,006, for constructing the East Boston High School-house, said Mead, Mason, & Co. being the second lowest bidders.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the doors were opened.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of the order.

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Bassett, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald and Strange — 8.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Coolidge, Davison, Gallivan, Hubbard, Lowell, Nichols, and Paul — 8.

Absent or not voting: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Burrill, Calderwood, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer and Huggan.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Sept. 27, 1898.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Bowdlear, Fleischer and Paul.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the records of the last meeting were amended on page 456, by inserting after the words "the Chair stated the question was on the passage of the order," the words "The order was lost by the following vote."

Records amended.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed as amended.

Mr. Lowell offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Employment of teachers in excess of number allowed by rules.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the appointments and confirmations presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting, with the exception of principals of Evening Drawing Schools, were approved.

Appointments and confirmations laid over, approved.

Mr. Lowell moved that the approval of the appointment of principals of Evening Drawing Schools for the term 1898–99 be laid over until the next meeting.

Approval of appointments of principals, Evening Drawing Schools. [See p. 437.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the salary due Helena F. Leary, deceased, late Primary assistant in the Washington Allston District, be paid to her mother, Louisa Leary.

Salary due Helena F. Leary. [See p. 445.]

Passed.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Sept. 15, 1898.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; establishment of Kindergarten School in Tileston District.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to establish and maintain a Kindergarten School in the section known as Mattapan, in Tileston School District, Ward 24.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Sept. 15, 1898.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Sept. 19, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Superintendent.

The Chair read the following:

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT,
TRUSTEES FOR CHILDREN, 32 Tremont street,
Boston, Sept. 27, 1898.

To the Honorable School Committee of the City of Boston:

Communication from Children's Institutions Department; rights and privileges of teachers at Parental School.

DEAR SIRS: The Trustees for Children, who have charge of the Parental School of the City of Boston, have voted that the teachers of the Parental School should be paid at the same rate as teachers of the Boston Public Schools of the same standing.

Mr. B. C. Day, who has had large experience in connection with schools and teachers, has been appointed Superintendent of the Parental School.

In view of these facts, the Trustees for Children respectfully ask your Board to consider the question of according to the teachers at the Parental School the same rights and privileges that accrue to teachers in the Boston Public Schools.

The Trustees find that the difficulty of obtaining first-rate teachers is partly dependent on the fact that time spent in a Parental School by teachers does not count to their advantage as time spent in Public Schools does.

The Trustees intend to provide teaching of a superior quality at the Parental School, and to do everything in their power to make it fulfil the demands of an ideal Truant School.

Respectfully your obedient servant,

CHARLES P. PUTNAM,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The Chair read the following:

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS,
OLD COURT HOUSE, COURT SQUARE,
Boston, Sept. 27, 1898.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Esq., *Secretary School Committee:*

DEAR SIR: The Board of Election Commissioners would respectfully request that they be allowed to place a voting booth, occupying a space of about 30 × 30, in the yard of the Primary School, Adams street, Ward 24.

Communication from Board of Election Commissioners; voting booth in yard of Adams street School.

The lot connected with this school is very large and the space which we should occupy will be so small it could not possibly inconvenience the scholars, while it would be a great convenience to the Board, as we desire to place as many booths as possible in permanent locations. In this case, however, we should only expect the booth to remain until such time as the School Committee would need to use the lot for other purposes, when it would be immediately given up.

If you will kindly act upon this request at once, it would be of great assistance to the Commission, as we are obliged to complete our locations at a very early date.

Respectfully,
Board of Election Commissioners,
L. E. PEARSON,
Chairman.

Referrred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Sept. 23, 1898.

To the School Committee, Boston, Mass.:

I transmit herewith a communication addressed to me, and asking for my coöperation in securing the erection in Paris of a monument to be dedicated to General La Fayette. As this communication embodies a request for the collection of money in the schools of the city, I submit it to you for your consideration.

Communication from Superintendent of Schools; communication from La Fayette Memorial Commission; contribution for monument to be dedicated to General La Fayette.

Very respectfully,
EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

LAFAYETTE MEMORIAL COMMISSION,
AUDITORIUM BUILDING, CHICAGO, Sept. 16, 1898.

Prof. E. P. SEAVER, Boston, Mass.:

DEAR SIR: It is proposed to signalize the participation of the United States in the Paris Exposition of 1900 by the erection in Paris, in the name of the youth of our land, of a monument to the early friend and defender of our liberties, General La Fayette, the same to be unveiled and dedicated July 4, United States Day, at the Exposition.

In this connection we send you herewith a prospectus of the proposed monument.

The idea of the erection of a monument to the patriot friend of Washington by the children and youth of America, we believe, will appeal not only to your pride as an American citizen, but to your patriotism as well. The plan of the Special Commission, appointed by the Commissioner-General, outlined in the prospectus, is largely a suggestion for guidance in the matter of your coöperation, so necessary to the success of the movement. It is desired, where possible, to raise the fund for the monument by a general admission to school exercises, to be held universally on October 19, La Fayette Day; but where this is impracticable, particularly among the smaller children, the pupils should be asked to solicit from their parents or acquaintance contributions of from one to ten cents, to be donated to the fund from your school.

Your enthusiastic aid is so essential that the Commissioner cannot urge you too strongly to take the matter up in your community and in your school. Much depends upon your efforts, and we trust you will call to your aid such influences as the local conditions may suggest.

Very respectfully,

FERDINAND W. PECK,
Commissioner-General.

ROBERT J. THOMPSON, *Secretary La Fayette Memorial Commission.*

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The Superintendent presented the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Dillaway District.— Florence H. Griffin, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1898.

George Putnam District.— Rosanna L. Rock, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 9, 1898.

Lawrence District.— Elinor F. Buckley, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1898.

Quincy District.— Vyra L. Tozier, assistant, Grammar School, Oct. 1, 1898.

Washington Allston District.— Mabel A. Spooner, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1898.

Wells District.— Katherine E. Evans, assistant, Primary School, Oct 1, 1898.

Accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, confirmations and transfer for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Adams District.— Eleanor C. Butler, from Sept. 19, 1898.

Agassiz District.— Margaret M. Burton, from Sept. 19, 1898.

Bowditch District.— Gertrude V. Sharp, from Sept. 13, 1898; Annie M. Johnson, from Sept. 19, 1898.

Eliot District.— Mary W. Bonython, from Sept. 28, 1898.

Hancock District.— Annie G. Colbert, Elizabeth S. Downs, Margaret G. Melia, from Sept. 12, 1898.

Robert G. Shaw District.— F. Mabel Cassidy, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Thomas N. Hart District.— Anna T. Mahar, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Girls' High School.— Mary H. Shed, assistant, from Sept. 14, 1898.

Dearborn District.— Annie L. Coffey, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 9, 1898.

Gaston District. — Agnes R. Leahy, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Margaret A. Page, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 19, 1898.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Edwin I. Beal, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Lincoln District. — Rachel W. Washburn, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Mary Hemenway District. — Florence G. Willis, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Phillips District. — Eleanor J. Murphy, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 12, 1898.

Quincy District. — Evelyn E. Kelley, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Maude C. Tinkham, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Wells District. — Clara B. Shaw, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 6, 1898; Ida H. Ayers, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 13, 1898.

Manual Training Schools. — Olive I. Harris, assistant instructor, from Sept. 19, 1898.

Schools of Cookery. — Emily H. Hawes, instructor, from Sept. 19, 1898; Jeannie B. Kenrick, instructor, from Sept. 27, 1898.

Placed on file.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

Bowditch District. — Annie FitzGerald, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 20, 1898.

Dearborn District. — Annie S. Irvin, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Frothingham District. — Caroline E. Morse, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from Sept. 21, 1898.

George Putnam District. — Maud L. Parker, assistant, Primary School, third year, from Sept. 12, 1898.

Hugh O'Brien District. — George E. Murphy, A. Estella Allen, assistants, Grammar School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Lyman District. — Elizabeth C. Quirk, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Martin District. — M. Louise Wiswall, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Mary Hemenway District. — Mary Polk, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Washington Allston District. — Gertrude Weeks, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Girls' Latin School. — Matilda A. Fraser, assistant.

Brighton High School. — Laura M. Kendrick, assistant.

Girls' High School. — Sarah E. Potter, assistant.

Dearborn District. — Mary L. Gaylord, assistant, Primary School.

Wells District. — Jeannette A. Nelson, assistant, Primary School.

Kettell Building Kindergarten. — Emma F. Temple, assistant.

Laid over, under the rule.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of teacher.

Martin District. — Alice B. Fuller, assistant, Primary School, to the position of assistant, Grammar School, in the same district, to date from Sept. 6, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Chapman District. — Tilson A. Mead, master, from Sept. 12, 1898, until Jan. 12, 1899.

Dearborn District. — Mary F. Neale, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1898, until Dec. 7, 1898; Harriet E. Ells, substitute.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Ellen F. A. Hagerty, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 6, 1898, until Jan. 6, 1899; Sarah S. Burrell, substitute.

Norcross District. — Eleanor J. Cashman, first assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 6, 1898, until November 1, 1898; Katharine J. Burke, substitute. Fannie W. Hussey, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 6, 1898, until Nov. 1, 1898; Mary E. Farrell, substitute.

Rice District. — Charles F. Kimball, sub-master, from Sept. 7, 1898, until Jan. 7, 1899.

Tileston District. — Mary E. G. Collagan, substitute for Martha A. Baker, assistant, Grammar School, granted leave of absence.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto:

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Special assistant.

Tappan Kindergarten. — G. Caroline Penchard, from Sept. 6, 1898, until Sept. 16, 1898.

Rules suspended.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

West Roxbury High School. — Rebecca Kite, assistant, from Oct. 3, 1898.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Helen L. Bradford, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 9, 1898.

Martin District. — Alice E. Lawrence, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Mary Hemenway District. — Jane T. Cook, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 6, 1898, until Sept. 30, 1898.

Quincy District. — Blanche F. Harrington, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Washington Allston District. — Grace G. Johnson, assistant, Grammar School; Margaret A. Foley, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Rules suspended.

The employment of each of the foregoing teachers was successively authorized under a suspension of the rules.

The reports of the Superintendent of Teachers appointed to these positions were placed on file.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

Quincy District. — Roberta J. Hardie, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Oct. 3, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mrs. Keller offered the following:

Ordered, That Helen A. Fernald be appointed special assistant in the Horace Mann School, at a salary of one and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($1.50) per day, to date from Sept. 14, 1898.

Appointment of special assistant, Horace Mann School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on School Houses, offered the following:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

Appropriation for furnishing Paul Revere School-house.

Paul Revere School-house, furnishing . . $7,000

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Coolidge, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 27 — a communication from the Board of Election Commissioners requesting permission to place a voting booth, occupying a space of about 30 by 30 feet in the yard of the Adams-street Primary School, to remain in said yard until such time as the School Committee shall need to use the lot for other purposes, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on School Houses; voting booth in yard of Adams-street Primary School. [See p. .]

Ordered, That permission be granted the Board of Election Commissioners to place a temporary voting booth in the yard of the Adams-street Primary School, said booth to be removed at any time upon request of the Committee on School Houses.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on New Buildings, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to transfer to the School Committee the Webb School-house on Porter street, East Boston, surrendered by the School Committee, April 14, 1896, the use of said building for school purposes again being required.

City Council requested to transfer to School Committee, Webb School-house.

City Council requested to transfer to School Committee, Austin School-house.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to transfer to the School Committee the Austin School-house on Paris street, East Boston, surrendered by the School Committee, Feb. 12, 1895, the use of said building for school purposes again being required.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; additional appropriation Primary School-house, Forest Hills; award of contracts for.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, reported that under authority granted by the Board July 26, they have advertised for, and received proposals for the construction of a new four-room Primary School-house at Forest Hills. Finding that the cost of this building, on the basis of the bids received, would exceed the appropriation by about $5,000, your committee felt obliged to reject all proposals for the main contract. Subsequently they very carefully revised the specifications, and have obtained a proposal from G. A. Cahill, the lowest bidder, to undertake the general contract for the sum of $27,178, a reduction of $2,337 from his original bid. Your committee estimate the entire cost of the building, including architects' commission, at $32,430, which is in excess of the appropriation of $30,000. This building differs from the other Primary School-houses lately placed under contract, in that the rooms are of grammar instead of primary size, as it is not improbable that it will ultimately become the grammar school of a new district. Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the following orders:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

New Primary School-house, Forest Hills, additional, $2,500.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute contracts in connection with the new Primary School-house, Forest Hills, as follows:

Building, G. A. Cahill . . .	$27,178
Plumbing, William N. McKenna . .	1,550
Heating and ventilating, The Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Co.,	2,158

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order that the requirements of section 38 of the Rules had not been complied with, inasmuch as substantial changes had been made in the specifications of the building contract, and the contract not readvertised.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

On motion of Mr. Anderson the report and orders appended thereto were recommitted to the Committee on New Buildings.

Subsequently Mr. Eaton moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the foregoing report and orders were recommitted to the Committee on New Buildings.

On motion of Mr. Burrill the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to reconsider.

Mr. Eaton's motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bassett, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Huggan, Mrs. Keller and Mr. Lowell — 13

Nays: Messrs. Bateman, Burrill, Gallivan and Hubbard — 4.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Anderson, Bowdlear, Fleischer, McDonald, Nichols, Paul and Strange.

The report was accepted.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of the orders.

Mr. Bateman raised the point of order that under section 38 of the Rules the revised building contract should have been readvertised.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Mr. Coolidge appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The decision of the Chair was not sustained, by a vote of 4 to 10.

Mr. Courtney moved the previous question.

Passed.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of the first order.

Rules suspended.

The order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of the second order.

Rules suspended.

The order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Coolidge moved a reconsideration of the votes whereby the orders relating to the Primary School at Forest Hills were declared passed, hoping the same would not prevail.

Lost.

Mr. Lowell in the chair.

Mr. Huggan moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Board refused to pass the following order at the last meeting:

Execution of contract for erection of East Boston High School-house. [See pp. 442, 457.]

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be and they hereby are authorized to execute a contract with Mead, Mason & Co., in the sum of $203,006, for constructing the East Boston High School-house, said Mead, Mason & Co. being the second lowest bidders.

On motion of Mr. Anderson the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to reconsider.

Mr. Huggan's motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bassett, Coolidge, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Nichols and Strange — 13.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Burrill, Calderwood, Gallivan, Hubbard and Lowell — 7.

Absent or not voting: Messers. Bowdlear, Courtney, Fleischer and Paul.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of the order.

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order that the order could only be passed under a suspension of the Rules, the contract not having been advertised in its revised form.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

On motion of Mr. Allen the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order.

Mr. Anderson moved that the order pending further consideration be recommitted to the Committee on New Buildings with instructions to award the contract to the lowest bidder, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered.

The motion to recommit was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Burrill, Coolidge and Gallivan — 5. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bassett, Calderwood, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell, McDonald, Nichols and Strange — 15.

Absent or not voting. — Messrs. Bowdlear, Courtney, Fleischer and Paul.

The order passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bassett, Calderwood, Coolidge, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Nichols and Strange — 15. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Burrill, Gallivan and Lowell — 5.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Bowdlear, Courtney, Fleischer and Paul.

Mr. Allen moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the order relating to the East Boston High School-house contract was declared passed, hoping the motion would not prevail.

Lost.

Discussion with regard to J. A. Colson.

Mrs. Ames moved that no reference be made in the minutes to the discussion with regard to Mr. J. A. Colson, and that the reporters present be requested to make no mention of it in their reports of the proceedings.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of Mrs. Ames' motion.

The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Mr. Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald and Strange — 9.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bassett, Bateman, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Gallivan, Hubbard and Lowell — 10.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Bowdlear, Courtney, Fleischer, Nichols and Paul.

The President in the chair.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; discriminating in favor of organized labor and local bidders in award of contracts for school-houses.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on New Buildings, reported that on September 1 a hearing was granted by them on the request of a committee representing the Building Trades' Council of Boston and Vicinity, with regard to discriminating in favor of organized labor on school-house work. Subsequently, at the request of your committee, a definite statement in writing was submitted to them of the action desired by the petitioners, viz.: the insertion in all contracts of a clause providing that citizens of Boston and union men carrying a card of Building Trades' Council of Boston and Vicinity be given preference in employment on such work, and that similar preference be exercised in favor of local bidders in the award of contracts. Your committee were impressed by the arguments presented by the petitioners, but, however fully they might be in sympathy with the efforts of organized labor to obtain just recognition in the distribution of public work, and the proposition that citizens of Boston and local bidders should be preferred in the award of contracts,

where such preference does not prejudice the public interest, they feel that it is clearly not within their power to change the present form of contract upon their own responsibility, especially as the rules provide that all contracts shall be awarded to the lowest bidder, unless the Board shall, for good cause shown, otherwise order. They therefore report the matter to the Board for such action as may be deemed expedient.

On motion of Mr. Anderson the report was laid on the table.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Contract for heating and ventilation of Bowditch School-house addition.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be and they hereby are authorized to execute contracts with The Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company, in connection with the extension of the heating and ventilating system at present installed in the Bowditch School-house, on account of the construction of a two-room addition to said building, as follows:

Necessary changes and extension of present system	$310
New apparatus to be installed in addition .	425

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of committee on Rules and Regulations; attendance at school of children under five years of age. [See p. 401.]

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — July 19 — an order that the Rules and Regulations be amended so as to provide that no child under five years of age be permitted to attend the public schools, reported that such a change would, of course, mainly affect the kindergartens, in which, under the present regulations, instruction is given to children of three and one-half years of age and upwards. Your committee, on the request of those whose interest in the kindergartens has been manifested by generous support and by personal effort, granted a hearing on this matter, and have carefully considered the educational value of the kindergarten to children

under five years of age. As a result of their investigation, your committee are satisfied that it would be unwise to change the age limit as suggested, and therefore recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following:

Afternoon session of Charles Sumner, Longfellow and Robert G. Shaw Districts.

Ordered, That the afternoon session of the schools in the Charles Sumner, Longfellow and Robert G. Shaw Districts shall begin at fifteen minutes before two o'clock, and close at fifteen minutes before four o'clock throughout the school year.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mrs. Fifield presented the following:

DORCHESTER, Sept. 23, 1898.

MRS. EMILY A. FIFIELD, *Chairman of the Committee on the Ninth Division, Boston School Committee*:

Communication from Robert T. Swan; presentation of portrait of Dr. Benjamin Cushing to school-house bearing his name.

DEAR MADAM: I take great pleasure in presenting through you, a portrait of my uncle, Dr. Benjamin Cushing, to be placed in the new school-house bearing his name, and in so doing I desire on behalf of the family to thank you for the suggestion, and the school committee for the decision, that his name be so honored.

It might seem fitting that some appropriate words should accompany the gift, but to the people of Dorchester who knew Dr. Cushing as citizen and physician there is no need that any word of eulogy be spoken; to those who did not know him such words, if any are to be spoken, should not come from me, bound as I am by ties of relationship and affection.

I desire, however, in simple justice, to make known one characteristic act of his life which has, from his modesty, never been recognized, and which showed his generous nature and patriotic spirit. At the breaking out of the Civil War he was at the height of his practice and desired to volunteer as surgeon. Persuaded that his duty partly lay at home, and that his rather delicate constitution might impair his service, he offered his services to Governor Andrew for any emergency. He gave them gratuitously in the examination of all who applied for enlistment in the Dorchester company of the Eleventh Massachusetts Regiment, and of others enlisting from Dorchester. After the bloody battles on the Peninsular, in May, 1862, he was summoned, with many other physicians, to go to the front as a surgeon, and from the thirteenth of May to the twenty-eighth of June was on duty at Chesapeake Hospital, near Hampton, Virginia, treating Union and Confederate sick and wounded. He there contracted a sickness from which he did not recover for a year.

For this service he declined any compensation. He received, through Surgeon-General Dale, "the grateful thanks of the Commander-in-Chief for the able, prompt and humane discharge of duty incident to the emergency." General Dale further wrote, "I am also honored with the duty, by the direction of His Excellency, of thanking you in behalf of the Commonwealth for the great personal sacrifice you made to uphold the dignity, honor and usefulness of the humane profession."

Because of Dr. Cushing's patriotic refusal to accept compensation his name was not included in the official list of surgeons in the State records, nor in the "Roll of Honor of Harvard University," of which he was a graduate. Shortly before his death I partially remedied this injustice by placing copies of the official documents in the office of the Adjutant-General and in the library of Harvard University, and I trust I may be pardoned for taking this opportunity of perpetuating the fact of his generous and patriotic service.

Whatever told for the good of the people of Dorchester found support in Benjamin Cushing, whether in public matters or in individual cases, his public spirit, conscientiousness, kindness and generosity always guiding his action. It seems, therefore, fitting that his name and face, so familiar to the present generation, should have a lasting remembrance.

Very respectfully yours,

ROBERT THAXTER SWAN.

Placed on file.

Mrs. Fifield moved that the portrait of Dr. Cushing be accepted and placed in the school-house named in his honor, and that the Secretary be requested to express to Mr. Swan the thanks of the Board for his appropriate and valued gift.

Passed.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

Ordered, That extra Primary School accommodations be furnished the Gaston District.

Additional Primary School accommodations, Gaston District.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of a special teacher of phonography, book-keeping and typewriting in the Girls' High School, the salary of said instructor to be at the rate of twelve hundred dollars ($1,200) per annum.

Employment of special teacher, Girls' High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, offered the following:

Employment of additional assistant, Charlestown High School. Rules suspended.

Ordered, That an additional assistant be allowed in the Charlestown High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, offered the following:

Employment of Special teacher of phonography and typewriting, East Boston High School. Rules suspended.

Ordered, That a special teacher of phonography and typewriting be allowed in the East Boston High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, offered the following:

Employment of Special teacher of phonography and typewriting, Roxbury High School. Rules suspended

Ordered, That a special teacher of phonography and typewriting be allowed in the Roxbury High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, offered the following:

Employment of special teacher of phonography, typewriting and book-keeping, Charlestown High School. Rules suspended.

Ordered, That a special teacher of phonography, typewriting and book-keeping be allowed in the Charlestown High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on High Schools; employment of special assistants, Mechanic Arts High School. [See pp. 385, 413.]

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, to whom was referred — July 26 — a report and order from the Committee on Accounts concerning the employment of graduates of the Mechanic Arts High School as special assistants, reported that they have considered the matter, and are of the opinion that the following order ought to pass:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment for the school year, 1898–99, of not more than four graduates of the Mechanic Arts High School, the salary of each graduate employed not to exceed two dollars ($2) per day of actual service, as special assistants in the mechanical department of that school, these special assistants to be in place of one additional instructor, to which said school is entitled under the rules.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Aug. 19 — the appointment on probation of Albertus F. Dudley, junior master in the Boys' Latin School, to date from Sept. 6, 1898, reported that, at the request of the appointee, your committee recommend that the appointment be withdrawn.

Report of Committee on High Schools; withdrawal of appointment of Albertus F. Dudley. [See p. 422.]

Accepted, and the appointment withdrawn.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Aug. 19 — the appointment on probation of John Haynes, junior master in the Boys' Latin School, to date from Sept. 6, 1898, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend that the appointment be approved.

Report of committee on High Schools; appointment of John Haynes. [See p. 419.]

Accepted, and the appointment approved.

Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on Truant Officers, reported that, in consequence of the passage of chapter 496 of the Acts of 1898, there is a question whether the truant officers who have been elected by the Board under the authority conferred by chapter 498 of the Acts of 1894, can continue to act in that capacity without another election. They therefore nominate the following-named persons to serve as truant officers of the City of Boston, from Sept. 1, 1898: George Murphy, chief; George W. Bean, Henry M. Blackwell, James Bragdon, Frank Hasey, John T. Hathaway, A. M. Leavitt, James P. Leeds, David F. Long, John McCrillis, Amos Schaffer, William B. Shea, Warren J. Stokes, Daniel J. Sweeney, Charles E. Turner, Richard W. Walsh, John H. Westfall, Charles B. Wood and Charles S. Woofindale.

Report of Committee on Truant Officers; re-election of truant officers.

Accepted, and the nominations unanimously approved.

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred—June 30—an order that Gardner P. Balch, sub-master in the Eliot District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in his rank, to date from Sept. 6,

Report of Committee on salaries; salary of Gardner P. Balch.

1898, reported that after careful consideration of the matter, your committee deem it inexpedient to recommend the passage of the order referred.

Accepted.

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salaries of truant officers.

Ordered, That the salaries of the truant officers be continued from Sept. 1, 1898, at the same rate as heretofore, viz.: chief truant officer, $1,800; truant officers, $1,300 per annum each, subject to a reduction of 10 per cent. from the amount due for the month of August, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Supplies; flag for Adams-street School-house. [See p. 311.]

Mr. Davison, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — June 14 — an order from the Common Council to the effect that a flag be provided for the Adams-street School-house, reported that the school-house named has been furnished with a flag, and that no further action in the matter is necessary.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the Board went into executive session.

Rules suspended; leave of absence granted John C. Ryder, E. Bentley Young and Joel C. Bolan.

The Rules were suspended, and leave of absence granted to John C. Ryder, head-master of the Brighton High School, E. Bentley Young, master of the Prince School, and Joel C. Bolan, sub-master of the Adams School, from Oct. 10, 1898, until Oct. 15, 1898.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following:

Leave of absence granted Larkin Dunton.

Ordered, That Larkin Dunton, head-master of the Normal School, be granted leave of absence, on half pay, from Oct. 1, 1898, until Aug. 31, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Eaton the doors were opened.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Oct. 11, 1898.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street building, at half past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Aldrich and Fleischer.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments, confirmations and transfer presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Mr. Bassett offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Employment of teachers in excess of number allowed by rules.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

The appointments, confirmations and transfer presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting, were approved.

Appointments, confirmations and transfer laid over, approved.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments of principals of Evening Drawing Schools, and that under the rules the approval of such appointments must be by ballot.

Appointment of Principals, Evening Drawing Schools. [See pp. 437, 457.]

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the Board proceeded to ballot for the following-named principals of Evening Drawing Schools, for the term 1898–99, to date from Oct. 10, 1898.

Masters. — George H. Bartlett, George Jepson.

Principals. — Charles L. Adams, Anson K. Cross, Albert L. Ware.

The Chair appointed Mr. Lowell, Mrs. Fifield and Mr. Burrill a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for said instructors.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 16; necessary for a choice, 13. The several masters and principals named had each 16 votes, and the appointments were accordingly declared approved for the term 1898–99.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Sept. 29, 1898.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; progress in erection of South Boston High School-house.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the Common Council what progress, if any, has been made in the erection of the proposed High School for South Boston.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Sept. 29, 1898.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NATHANIEL G. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Referrred to the Committee on New Buildings.

The Chair read the following:

BOSTON, Sept. 16, 1898.

Communication from Cyrus Cobb; gift of panel to Paul Revere School.

President and Secretary of the Boston School Committee:

GENTLEMEN: It would please me to present to the Revere School a *replica* of an *alto relievo* of Paul Revere starting on his famous ride. If it would be acceptable to you, and you will so inform me, I will at once send it to such address as you shall name.

I write this through the suggestion of Capt. Nathan Appleton.

The panel is 22 × 30 inches, colored in old ivory. I color some in bronze, but I think you would prefer the old ivory, though you can have your choice.

Respectfully yours,
CYRUS COBB,
127A Tremont street.

Referred to the Committee on the Third Division.

The Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Oct. 10, 1898.

To the School Committee, Boston, Mass.:

Report of Superintendent; establishment of Kindergarten in Tileston District.

I have investigated the subject-matter of the order of the Common Council "That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor be requested to establish and maintain a Kindergarten School in the section known as Mattapan, in the Tileston School District, Ward 24," which was referred to me at your meeting of the 27th of September last.

There is one Kindergarten in the Tileston District at the present time in which there are 59 children. There are three parts of the district not accommodated by the present kindergarten, having their centres respectively, first, near the Morton-street School, second, at the corner of Walk Hill street and Blue Hill avenue, and third, near the Tileston School building. If kindergartens were established at these three centres the number of children whose parents would probably desire to send them are at the first 30, at the second 18, and at the third 25. There is no room in the Morton-street building nor in the Tileston building. There are stores near each of the centres above indicated which can probably be hired for kindergarten purposes.

Considering the relatively small number of children to be accommodated at each of these centres, and the expense which would be entailed by hiring accommodations, I am of the opinion that it is inexpedient to establish any more kindergartens in the Tileston District at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Placed on file.

The Superintendent presented the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations.

Bigelow District. — Cara W. Hanscom, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1898.

Bowdoin District. — E. Laura Tilden, assistant, Grammar School, Oct. 1, 1898.

John A. Andrew District. — Grace L. Tucker, assistant, Primary School, Oct. 1, 1898.

Union-street Kindergarten. — Kate L. Duncklee, principal, Oct. 1, 1898.

Accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, confirmations and transfers for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Ralph H. Knapp, George M. Morris, Herschel B. Ruddick, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Bennett District. — Gertrude F. Briggs, from Oct. 3, 1898.

Dearborn District. — Mattie M. Clough, from Oct. 3, 1898. Katherine L. Connell, from Oct. 5, 1898.

Everett District. — Alice E. B. Dockham, from Oct. 10, 1898.

Franklin District. — Susan E. Abbot, from Oct. 3, 1898.

Frothingham District. — Florence O. Brock, from Sept. 30, 1898.

Hancock District. — Mary E. Meaney, from Oct. 3, 1898.

Longfellow District. — Florence M. Halligan, from Sept. 26, 1898.

Boylston Chapel Kindergarten. — G. Caroline Penchard, from Sept. 19, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Dorchester High School. — Grace L. Putnam, assistant, from Oct. 6, 1898.

Bigelow District. — Madeline A. Foppiano, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 6, 1898, to Oct. 7, 1898.

Bowdoin District. — Ellen A. Dillingham, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Christopher Gibson District. — Florence E. Marshall, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 10, 1898.

Everett District. — Alice E. B. Dockham, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 6, 1898, to Oct. 7, 1898; Blanche L. Bachelder, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 10, 1898.

Quincy District. — Frances M. Campbell, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 3, 1898.

Placed on file.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

Charlestown High School. — Malcolm D. Barrows, assistant, Richard F. Sullivan, special instructor of phonography and typewriting, from Sept. 16, 1898.

Dorchester High School. — Richard F. Sullivan, special instructor of phonography and typewriting, from Oct. 12, 1898.

East Boston High School. — Lizzie J. Fitzgerald, special instructor of phonography, from Sept. 28, 1898.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Anna M. Vaughan, assistant instructor, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Bigelow District. — Katharine P. Kelley, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 10, 1898.

Bowditch District. — M. Louise C. Jones, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 3, 1898.

Eliot District. — Anna L. Foster, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Oct. 1, 1898.

Hugh O'Brien District. — A. Estella Allen, assistant, Grammar School, second year, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Cyrus Alger Kindergarten. — Ruth Perry, assistant, from Sept. 26, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Boys' Latin School. — Patrick T. Campbell, junior-master.

Charlestown High School. — Lotta A. Clark, assistant.

Bowdoin District. — Catherine M. Dolan, assistant, Grammar School.

Hancock District. — Ella A. Curtis, assistant, Grammar School.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Jane Parker, assistant, Grammar School.

Phillips District. — Katherine C. Coveney, Annie G. Scollard, assistants, Grammar School.

Roger Clap District. — Annie R. Mohan, assistant, Grammar School.

Sherwin District. — Casper Isham, sub-master.

Manual Training Schools. — J. Herman Trybom, assistant instructor.

Schools of Cookery. — Julia A. Hughes, instructor.

East Fourth Street Kindergarten. — Grace L. Sanger, assistant.

Laid over, under the rule.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of teachers.

Emerson District. — Ethel C. Brown, assistant, Grammar School, on probation, to the position of assistant, Primary School, on probation, in the same district, to date from Sept. 6, 1898. Elizabeth A. Turner, assistant, Primary School, to the position of assistant, Grammar School, in the same district, to date from Sept. 6, 1898.

Howe Kindergarten. — Florence H. Murray, assistant on probation, to the same position in the Shurtleff Kindergarten on probation, to date from Oct. 1, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Paul, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Additional first assistants Franklin and Eliot Evening Schools.

Ordered, That a second first assistant be allowed in the Franklin Evening School, and also in the Eliot Evening School, to date from Sept. 26, 1898.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Paul, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That a special teacher of penmanship be allowed in the Evening High School, and that the salary of said instructor be fixed at the rate of two dollars ($2) per evening of actual service, to date from Oct. 3, 1898.

Special teacher of penmanship, Evening High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Paul, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That a special instructor of cookery be employed two evenings per week in the Lyman Evening School for the term 1898–99, and that the salary of said teacher be fixed at the rate of two dollars ($2) per evening of actual service.

Instructor of cookery, Lyman Evening School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Paul, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the assistant in charge of the Charlestown branch of the Evening High School be fixed at the rate of five dollars ($5) per evening of actual service, to date from Sept. 26, 1898.

Salary, assistant in charge Charlestown Evening High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Paul, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the assistant in charge of the East Boston branch of the Evening High School be fixed at the rate of five dollars ($5) per evening of actual service, to date from Sept. 26, 1898, which amount shall also be in full compensation for his services as principal of the Lyman Evening School.

Salary, assistant in charge, East Boston High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments of instructors in the Evening High and Evening Elementary schools for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

Appointment of instructors in Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools.

Evening High School. — Assistants, John Abbott, Harry N. Andrews, William H. Brown, John J. Cadigan, Frank M. Copeland, Guy W. Cox, Louis S. Cox,

E. Emmons Grover, Charles C. Haines, Walter L. Harrington, Henry Johnston, Frank M. McCutcheon, Samuel W. Mendum, Arthur B. Morong, Herbert L. Morse, Ernest K. Piper, Harry C. Shaw, Charles E. Stetson, Llewellyn O. White, from Sept. 26, 1898. William R. P. Emerson, Daniel L. Smith, from Sept. 28, 1898. William F. Boos, Theron H. Carter, John M. Connolly, Ernest B. Cresap, Frank B. Davis, Frank Hendrick, Edwin A. Howes, John M. Hussey, Cyrus A. King, Robert G. Leavitt, John H. Moore, Edwin G. Parker, from Oct. 3, 1898. George A. Cowen, from Oct. 4, 1898. *Instructor of French.* — Henri Morand, from Oct. 3, 1898. *Instructors of French and German.* — Joseph Blachstein, Jacob Lehmann, Frank Vogel, from Oct. 3, 1898. *Instructors of Penmanship.* — William A. Whitehouse, from Sept. 26, 1898. Charles A. French, Leon M. Wallace, from Oct. 3, 1898. *Special Instructor of Penmanship.* — Charles T. Marsh, from Sept. 26, 1898. *Instructor in Penmanship and Bookkeeping.* — James W. Blaisdell, from Sept. 26, 1898. *Instructors of Phonography.* — James B. Machugh, from Sept. 26, 1898, Ewing W. Hamlen, from Oct. 3, 1898. *Instructor of Phonography and Typewriting.* — Richard F. Sullivan, from Sept. 26, 1898. *Charlestown Branch. Assistant in charge.* — Fred A. Fernald, from Sept. 26, 1898. *East Boston Branch. Assistant in charge.* — Henry H. Folsom, from Sept. 26, 1898.

Bigelow School. — First assistant, Robert E. Burke, from Sept. 26, 1898. Assistants, Ida Badanes, Eloise A. Barstow, Emma J. Burke, Mary E. Farrell, Agnes J. Hallahan, Annie E. McWilliams, Mary F. Murphy, Annie C. O'Reilly, Mary A. Rourke, May Ham-Stetson, Mary E. Thompson, from Sept. 26, 1898. Laura M. Hentz, from Sept. 28, 1898.

Comins School. — First assistant, E. Irving Beal, from Sept. 26, 1898. Assistants, Elizabeth R. Brady, Jennie M. Jackson, Mary L. Long, Minna B. Noyes,

J. Herman Trybom, Sally Viles, from Sept. 26, 1898. Henry E. Loring, from Sept. 27, 1898. Isabel M. Horsford, Mary M. Hoye, Helen F. Lambert, Martha F. Titus, Henrietta C. Wort, from Sept. 28, 1898.

Dearborn School. — First assistant, Daniel W. Weis, from Sept. 26, 1898. Assistants, Mary E. Meaney, Edward E. Sparhawk, from Sept. 26, 1898. James H. Gormley, Ann M. Mitchell, Mary F. Murphy, from Sept. 28, 1898. Lewis M. Dougan, from Sept. 30, 1898.

Eliot School. — First assistants, Rufus W. Sprague, Julius A. Weigmann, from Sept. 26, 1898. Assistants, Frederick N. Brown, Cecilia Coyle, Margaret Coyle, Mary A. Duston, Mary A. Gunning, Annie C. Lamb, Stephen A. McIntire, Ida A. Merriam, Marie Morse, Frank H. Noyes, Mary F. O'Brien, Sigmund Pollak, Grace H. Smith, from Sept. 26, 1898. Bessie C. MacBrine, from Sept. 27, 1898. Margaret G. Melia, Annie M. Zbrosky, from Sept. 28, 1898. Florence E. Marshall, Ella L. Sullivan, from Sept. 29, 1898. Frank P. Dodge, from Sept. 30, 1898.

Franklin School. — First assistants, James Burrier, Clarence P. Coburn, from Sept. 26, 1898. Assistants, Mary A. Boland, George B. Buffington, Henriette Goldstein, Emma B. Huse, Frances V. Keyes, Louis Leyser, Elizabeth E. O'Connell, Aloyse B. Tierney, Ede F. Travis, from Sept. 26, 1898. L. Frances Crane, Alice W. Emerson, Charlotte M. Frost, Susan L. Mara, Marian A. McIntyre, Grace L. Putnam, S. Louise Regal, Sarah F. Woodworth, from Sept. 27, 1898. Annie G. Colbert, from Sept. 29, 1898.

Lincoln School. — First assistant, David Gibbs, from Sept. 26, 1898. Assistants, Mary E. Donnelly, Mary C. Gartland, Anna T. Mahar, Alice G. O'Gorman, Alice E. Thornton, from Sept. 26, 1898.

Lyman School.— First assistant, George W. Ransom, from Sept. 26, 1898. Assistants, Minnie L. Butland,

Annie G. Hughes, Eliza M. Warren, Martha S. Watson, from Sept. 26, 1898. Samuel Fine, from Sept. 27, 1898. Henrietta Chase, from Sept. 28, 1898.

Mather School. — First assistant, Everett W. Lord, from Sept. 26, 1898. Assistants, Abby N. Arnold, Frances M. Campbell, Harlan P. Ford, Mary E. Taylor, Florence G. Willis, from Sept. 26, 1898. Elizabeth S. Downs, from Oct. 6, 1898.

Quincy School. — First assistant, Joseph T. F. Burrill, from Sept. 26, 1898. Assistants, Marie F. Hill, Mary P. Howland, Harrabed S. Jelalian, Edward N. Quinn, Kate V. Tierney, from Sept. 26, 1898. Howard G. Kingman, from Sept. 28, 1898.

Warren School. — First assistant, Arthur Harrington, from Sept. 26, 1898. Assistants, Lucy M. Bosworth, Thomas F. Chrostwaite, Margaret F. Gannon, Abby G. Grandison, Mary A. Ryan, Agnes M. Turnbull, Mary G. Welch, from Sept. 26, 1898.

Washington Allston School. — First assistant, George E. Murphy, from Sept. 26, 1898. Assistants, Hattie L. Kennedy, Eleanor J. Murphy, Fannie B. Sanderson, Avedis B. Selian, Emma F. Simmons, from Sept. 26, 1898. Mary F. Callahan, from Oct. 3, 1898.

Wells School. — First assistant, W. Hector S. Kollmyer, from Sept. 26, 1898. Assistants, Ida E. Bailey, Sidney E. Bailey, Maria L. Brennan, Lillian T. Bryant, Mattie M. Clough, Stanley W. C. Downey, Rosa Freedman, Ida E. Hall, Blanche F. Harrington, Louise H. Hinckley, Myrtle T. King, Cecelia F. Leahy, Annie B. Parker, Mary W. Perry, Anna M. T. Sheehan, Elizabeth M. Shine, Isabel A. Smith, Helen F. Tarpey, from Sept. 26, 1898. Walter H. Russell, from Oct. 5, 1898.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the appointments were approved, under a suspension of the rule.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leaves of absence granted, substitutes approved.

On report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitues named were approved by the Board:

Bowdoin District. — Elizabeth R. Preston, first assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 26, 1898, until Dec. 1, 1898; Grace Hammond, substitute. Elizabeth N. Smith, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 6, 1898, until Jan. 1, 1899; Mary F. Murphy, substitute.

Christopher Gibson District. — Alice C. Chesley, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 10, 1898, until Feb. 10, 1899; Alice C. Clapp, substitute.

Everett District. — Myron T. Pritchard, master, from Sept. 13, 1898, until Jan. 1, 1899.

Hyde District. — Caroline K. Nickerson, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 12, 1898, until Dec. 1, 1898; Grace C. Boyden, substitute.

John A. Andrew District. — Mary A. Jenkins, first assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 6, 1898, until Jan. 6, 1899; Annie M. Zbrosky, substitute.

Rice Training School. — John A. Russell, substitute for Charles F. Kimball, sub-master, granted leave of absence.

Tileston District. — Louisa W. Burgess, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 7, 1898, until Jan. 1, 1899; Mary G. Morton, substitute.

Andrews Kindergarten. — Adelaide B. Camp, principal, from Oct. 11, 1898, until Jan. 1, 1899; Cora L. Pickering, substitute.

Instructor of Military Drill. — Erasmus M. Weaver, from Sept. 6, 1898, until Dec. 1, 1898, without pay.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the regulations pertaining thereto

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Bowdoin District. — Eleanora A. Smith, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 1, 1898.

Chapman District. — Lillian G. Farmer, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Emerson District. — Eliza D. Graham, Fannie M. Morris, assistants, Grammar School, from Sept. 6, 1898, to Oct. 7, 1898.

Minot District. — Elsie M. Blake, first assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 6, 1898, to Sept. 16, 1898; Florence E. Bryan, first assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 22, 1898; Annie T. McCloskey, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 6, 1898, to Sept. 9, 1898; Josephine Hammond, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 12, 1898.

Rules suspended.

The employment of each of the teachers named was successively authorized under a suspension of the rules.

The reports of the Superintendent of teachers appointed to these positions were placed on file.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

Emerson District. — Alice M. McDonald, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Minot District. — Celia A. Scribner, first assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 12, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on School Houses; appointment of janitors.

Mr. Lowell, for the Committee on School Houses, reported for the approval of the Board, the following appointments:

JANITORS.

Aberdeen District Primary School. — Albert P. Young, from Sept. 1, 1898, to Jan. 1, 1899.

Frothingham School Annex. — Warren J. Small, from Sept. 1, 1898.

Morton-street School Annex. — Napoleon B. Whittier, from Sept. 1, 1898.

Roxbury-street School. — Frank W. Munroe, from Sept. 1, 1898.

Accepted, and the appointments approved.

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

Appropriation for furnishing temporary wooden buildings.

Temporary wooden buildings, furnishing, $1,800.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 23 — an order requesting them to fit up a room in the Bowdoin School-house for a class in woodworking, reported that they do not feel warranted in recommending any expenditure for this purpose at the present time. They therefore recommend that no action be taken on the order referred.

Report of Committee on School Houses; room for class in woodworking, Bowdoin School-house. [See p. 114.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Mar. 8 — an order requesting them to fit up a room in the Bunker Hill School-house for a class in cookery, reported that they do not feel warranted in recommending any expenditure for this purpose at the present time. Your committee therefore recommend that no further action by the Board be taken.

Report, Committee on School Houses; class in cookery in Bunker Hill School-house. [See p. 125].

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on New Buildings reported that under authority granted by the Board June 30, they have advertised for and received proposals for the construction of the new South Boston High School-house, and that the lowest bid received

Report, Committee on New Buildings, execution of contract of South Boston High School-house.

amounted to $242,971. Believing that the cost of this building could be somewhat reduced without detriment either to its appearance or strength, your committee have made certain modifications in the specifications, and have obtained a proposition from John S. Jacobs & Son, the lowest bidders, to execute the revised general contract for the sum of $236,966, a reduction of $6,005 from their original bid, and ask the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with John S. Jacobs & Son in the sum of $236,966, for constructing the South Boston High School-house; said John S. Jacobs & Son being the lowest bidders.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Addition to contract for Paul Revere School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an addition to the contract of Walter S. Sampson & Son, for building the Paul Revere School-house, in the sum of $130, for sheathing soil pipes passing through coal-bin, and providing wooden slat steps in toilet-rooms.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Addition to contract for addition to Mechanic Arts High School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of James Fagan, for the construction of an addition to the Mechanic Arts High School-house, in the sum of $109, on account of increasing width of walls and furnishing additional piles, as required by the Building Department.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report, Committee on

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, reported that on May 24 a communication was received from the City

Solicitor, and referred to the Committee on School Houses, stating that the Supreme Court had decided that the city is bound by its agreement with Thomas F. McManus to purchase his property for $9,500, and recommending that an appropriation be made to cover the cost thereof. On June 13 an execution in favor of said McManus was paid by the City Treasurer, amounting to $10,291.40, from the appropriation granted the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, and subsequent legislation in the same direction. Under these circumstances, your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

New Buildings; payment to Thomas F. McManus.

Ordered, That of the $35,812 appropriated April 26, 1898, for new Primary School-house, Charlestown site, the following transfer be made:

Elm street, Charlestown, Primary School-house site, $10,291.40.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the report and order were laid on the table.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board, October 27, 1896, that the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, a parcel of land on the southeasterly side of Elm street, bounded and described as follows, viz.: Northwest by Elm street, there measuring ninety-four and $\frac{62}{100}$ feet; northeast by Lincoln place one hundred sixteen and $\frac{30}{100}$ feet, southeast by land now or late of Sarah J. White, land of Elias Abbott, and land of other owners eighty-nine and $\frac{28}{100}$ feet; and southwest by Howard place one hundred fourteen and $\frac{25}{100}$ feet; containing about 10,600 square feet, be, and the same hereby is, rescinded, and that the lands on Elm street, Charlestown, which have been acquired for said purpose be surrendered to the City Council as not being required for school use.

Order for taking land on Elm street, Charlestown, rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the order was laid on the table.

Report, Committee on New Buildings; site for new Primary School-house, Charlestown.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, reported that under authority granted by the Board April 12, proposals for selling to the city a lot of land in Charlestown for a site for a new Primary School-house have been advertised for and received, and a public hearing granted, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 202 of the Acts of 1897. Your committee now recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for a site for a new Primary School-house in Charlestown, a parcel of land adjoining the Warren School-house lot, and bounded and described as follows, viz.: Northwesterly by Pearl street about one hundred four and $\frac{4}{100}$ feet; northeasterly by Bartlett street about one hundred sixty-four and $\frac{27}{100}$ feet; southeasterly by School street about one hundred four and $\frac{33}{100}$ feet; southwesterly by land of the city of Boston about eight feet; and again southwesterly by land of the city of Boston about eighty-eight feet, to the point of beginning; containing sixteen thousand four hundred twenty-nine square feet, more or less.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, the report and order were laid on the table.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Board of Street Commissioners requested to take land for enlargement, of Girls' High School lot.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for the enlargement of the lot of the Girls' High School, a parcel of land adjoining said lot, supposed to belong to the German Lutheran Society, and bounded and described as follows: Northeasterly by Pembroke street, about thirty-six and $\frac{40}{100}$ feet; southeasterly by land of the city of Boston, about sixty-five feet; southwesterly

by other land of the German Lutheran Society, about thirty-six and $\frac{40}{100}$ feet, and northwesterly by land of the same, about sixty-five feet; containing 2,496 square feet, more or less.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made: Appropriation for heating temporary wooden buildings.

Temporary wooden buildings, heating, $1,200.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have that portion of Prince street in front of the new Paul Revere School asphalted. Portion of Prince street in front of Paul Revere School-house to be asphalted.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That a special teacher of phonography and typewriting be allowed in the Dorchester High School. Special teacher, phonography and type-writing, Dorchester High School.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, to whom was referred — July 26 — an order relative to the employment of a laboratory assistant in the Mechanic Arts High School, reported that the following order ought to pass: Report, Committee on High Schools; Laboratory Assistant, Mechanic Arts High School. [See pp. 385, 413.]

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment in the Mechanic Arts High School for the school year 1898–99, of a laboratory assistant, at a salary not exceeding three hundred dollars ($300).

Accepted, and the order passed under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mrs. Keller offered the following:

Ordered, That Moulton & Collar's Preparatory Latin Composition, Oman's History of Greece, and Allen's A Short History of the Roman People, which are now Text-books authorized in High Schools.

authorized as text-books in the Latin Schools, be also authorized as text-books in the High Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Courses of Study and Text Books.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, it was

Kindergarten accommodations in Tileston District. [See pp. 458, 479.]

Ordered, That the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that their request received — Sept. 27 — that a kindergarten be established and maintained in the section known as Mattapan, in the Tileston School District, Ward 24, has been carefully considered, and in the opinion of the School Committee it is inexpedient to take the action suggested in said communication. And it is further

Ordered, That a copy of the report of the Superintendent upon the matter be transmitted to the Common Council.

Report, Committee on Rules and Regulations; contribution for monument to be dedicated to General Lafayette. [See pp. 459, 460.]

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Sept. 27 — a communication from Ferdinand W. Peck, Commissioner General of the Lafayette Memorial Commission, requesting that contributions be solicited in the public schools of this city for the purpose of erecting a monument to General Lafayette, to be dedicated at the Paris Exposition, July 4, 1900, reported that in the opinion of your committee the rule prohibiting the collection of money in the public schools is a wise one, and should not be suspended. The considerations by which your committee have been governed in this, and in other similar cases, are entirely independent of the merits of the various propositions suggested, and are based solely upon the belief that contributions should not be permitted in the public schools for any purpose. They therefore recommend that the request be not granted.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 27 — a communication from the Trustees for Children, stating that they had voted that the teachers in the Parental School should be paid at the same rate as teachers in the Boston public schools of the same standing, and requesting that they be accorded the same rights and privileges that accrue to teachers in the Boston public schools, so that time spent in the Parental School shall count to their advantage the same as services in the public schools, reported that they have considered the matter and are of the opinion that the request is just and reasonable. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Report, Committee on Rules and Regulations; rights and privileges of teachers at Parental School. [See p. 458.]

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECT. 166. Add the following to the section, as a separate paragraph: A teacher appointed on probation, who has served in the Parental School subsequently to the first day of October, 1898, and who, during that service held the certificate required by law, shall receive credit for that service on the same conditions and to the same extent as if that service had been rendered for an equal period in a public school of Boston, provided that the salaries paid to teachers in the Parental School during that period be not less than the salaries paid to teachers of the same ranks in the public schools of Boston.

The report was accepted, the order read twice and passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows:

SECT. 37, paragraph 2. Strike out the amount "$50" in the third line, and insert in place thereof the amount "$300," so that the paragraph will read as follows:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations; Board to approve contracts involving expenditure of money exceeding $300.

2. Shall not make or authorize any contract, except as provided in the following paragraph, for a sum

exceeding $300 until it has been approved by the Board.

Passed to a second reading.

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, offered the following:

Salary of Elizabeth B. McKeon.

Ordered, That Elizabeth B. McKeon, assistant, Grammar School, in the Dearborn District, be placed on the second year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 6, 1898.

Accompanying the order was a communication from the Superintendent stating, that by an oversight, the proper amount of credit for service was not given Miss McKeon at the time of her appointment.

Rules suspended.

The order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Salaries; teacher of woodworking, Horace Mann School. [See p. 448.]

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 13 — an order that Kate F. Hobart, a regular teacher in the Horace Mann School be authorized to teach woodworking in the afternoon, and that suitable compensation be allowed for the same, reported that in the opinion of your committee the only question on which they should report in connection with this matter, is whether additional compensation should be allowed for instruction in woodworking to the pupils in the Horace Mann School. Such instruction has been given in this school for several years by a special teacher who received at first a salary of $450, and subsequently $600 per annum. Later, this teacher was appointed an assistant instructor in manual training, upon the maximum salary of his rank, the understanding then being that the same amount of instruction in woodworking should be continued in the Horace Mann School, without additional expense to the city. It now appears that other duties have been laid upon this teacher, which prevent his devoting the required amount of time to the Horace Mann School. Your committee have no desire to deprive the pupils in this school of instruction in manual training, the importance of which they fully

appreciate, but they believe that no avoidable additional expense in the matter of salaries should be incurred during the present school year, and are of the opinion that the former arrangement should be restored, or some other adopted in this connection, that does not involve further expense. For these reasons, therefore, they recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That Frances S. Tufts, assistant in the Yeoman street Kindergarten, be placed on the second year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 1, 1898.

Salary of Frances S. Tufts.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the salary of the special teacher of phonography and typewriting in the Dorchester High School be fixed at the rate of seven hundred fifty dollars ($750) per annum.

Salary of teacher of phonography and typewriting, Dorchester High School.

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the special teacher of phonography and typewriting in the Charlestown High School be fixed at the rate of seven hundred fifty dollars ($750) per annum.

Salary of teacher, phonography and typewriting, Charlestown High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the special teacher of phonography and typewriting in the East Boston High School be fixed at the rate of six hundred dollars ($600) per annum.

Salary of teacher of phonography and typewriting, East Boston High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of janitor of Frothingham School Annex.

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Frothingham School Annex be fixed at the rate of one hundred eighty dollars ($180) per annum, from Sept. 1, 1898, until otherwise ordered.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of janitor, Morton-street School Annex.

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Morton-street School Annex be fixed at the rate of one hundred twenty dollars ($120) per annum, from Sept. 1, 1898, until otherwise ordered.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to James Mitchell.

Ordered, That there be paid to James Mitchell, the janitor of the Shurtleff School, the sum of fifty dollars ($50) for cutting grass and care of lawn at said school during the year 1898.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of janitor of Aberdeen District Primary School.

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Aberdeen District Primary School be fixed at the rate of four hundred twenty dollars ($420) per annum, from Sept. 1, 1898, to Jan. 1, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

Leave of absence granted Emma F. Gallagher.

Ordered, That Emma F. Gallagher, assistant, Primary School, in the Norcross District, be granted leave of absence on half-pay from Oct. 1, 1898, until Aug. 31, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Allen, it was

Service of substitute teachers.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to investigate the principles and methods governing the service of substitute teachers in the public schools and to report what changes, if any, in the

Regulations are needed to render substitutes' service more economical and efficient.

Report, Committee on Third Division; panel for Paul Revere School-house.

Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on the Third Division, to whom was referred — Oct. 11 — a communication from Cyrus Cobb relative to the presentation of a decorative panel to the Paul Revere School, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the generous offer of Cyrus Cobb to present to the Paul Revere School a *replica* of an *alto relievo* of Paul Revere starting on his famous ride be accepted, and the thanks of the Board extended to Mr. Cobb for his appropriate and welcome gift.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Death of A. M. Leavitt.

Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on Truant Officers, reported the death of A. M. Leavitt, late truant officer.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, it was

School-house court, Ward 4, to be asphalted.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have School-house Court, Ward 4, asphalted.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Oct. 25, 1898.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Bassett, Davison, Fleischer and Strange.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments, confirmations and transfers presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Mr. Coolidge offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Employment of teachers in excess of number or rank allowed by rules.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

The appointments, confirmations, and transfers presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting were approved.

Appointments, confirmations, and transfers laid over, approved.

The following order, laid over under the rule, at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

Appropriation for furnishing temporary wooden buildings. [See p. 489.]

Temporary wooden buildings, furnishing, $1,800.

Passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows:

Section 37, paragraph 2. Strike out the amount "$50" in the third line, and insert in place thereof the amount "$300," so that the paragraph will read as follows:

Amendment of Rules; Board to approve contracts involving expenditure of money exceeding $300.

[See pp. 495, 496.]

2. Shall not make or authorize any contract, except as provided in the following paragraph, for a sum exceeding $300 until it has been approved by the Board:

Mr. Paul moved that the order be amended by substituting the amount "$2,000" for the amount "$300."

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the order was recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of land for school purposes on Quincy street. [See pp. 325, 326, 429.]

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, Oct. 25, 1898.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

In accordance with the request contained in your order of August 19, 1898, the Board of Street Commissioners have this day voted to purchase from H. M. Cunningham, for school purposes, a lot of land on Quincy street, at Dorchester, containing about 32,388 square feet, for $16,841.76. Mr. Cunningham's agreement to accept said sum having been approved by the Mayor.

Respectfully,

T. J. LEE, *Secretary pro tempore.*

Placed on file.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; bathing facilities for children attending public schools.

The Chair read the following:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
BOSTON, Oct. 25, 1898.

To the School Committee:

I desire to notify your body that the permanent bath-house on Dover street was opened for the free use of the public on October 15, and to suggest the desirability of requesting the teachers in the public schools within a reasonable distance of this location to encourage its regular use by such of their pupils as are not provided with good bathing facilities at home. The Bath Trustees and myself desire to encourage the largest use of public bathing facilities by children, as well as by adults, and with this object in view it has been decided that, while a charge of one cent is ordinarily made for the use of a towel, and the same charge for a small piece of soap, on Saturday afternoons these will be furnished free to school children. I trust that the opening of this finely equipped public bath-house will lead the teachers of our public schools to place more emphasis in future upon the importance of personal cleanliness from a moral, as well as from a hygienic, standpoint, in order that our school children may be educated to make full use of the excellent bathing facilities which the city is now supplying. All of the teachers of the public schools have been invited to inspect the new bath-house on Dover street, and the Bath Trustees and myself earnestly invite their

co-operation and will welcome any suggestions from them as to the further development or better administration of our public bathing facilities. Besides the bath-house on Dover street, facilities for bathing are also provided in the public gymnasium on Paris street, East Boston, and they will also be provided before long at the gymnasium on Commonwealth Park, South Boston, which is nearing completion, and at the swimming-pool, the construction of which will soon be begun, on East Ninth street, Ward 15, South Boston.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, *Mayor.*

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; use of halls of various school-houses for evening lectures to the public.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
BOSTON, Oct. 25, 1898.

To the School Committee:

I desire to call the attention of your body to the very successful results which have been attained in the City of New York by the free courses of public lectures, attended last year by nearly seven hundred thousand persons, which have been carried on for ten years under the direction of the Board of Education, and I transmit herewith for your information an article from a recent magazine giving a history of these lectures, with their scope and purposes. I wish to direct your particular attention to the point that such courses of lectures afford extensive and varied opportunities for the continuance of education in adult life, and that the plan involves a much larger utilization, with a slight additional cost, of a very expensive school plant. In view of the very large sums of money which this city has invested, and is still investing, in school buildings, it is certainly important from a mere economical standpoint that these should be put to the largest possible uses for the benefit of the community. It hardly seems intelligent to confine the use of expensive school buildings, many of them containing halls well adapted for lectures, to the hours when the schools are in session; and if there is among the people of this city as much of a thirst for knowledge as has been demonstrated to exist among the people of New York — and we surely have no reason to doubt that this is the case — it would certainly seem wise to extend very greatly, in every section of the city, the facilities for public instruction, and to offer them to adults as well as to the young, when it can be done at such a comparatively small additional expenditure.

I do not overlook the very admirable and comprehensive work which is being accomplished by the evening schools conducted by your Board, but it seems to me that their work is different from that of the popular lecture, and that there are a large number of people who would attend interesting and instructing lectures near their own homes, given by men of recognized standing in their respective branches of study and illustrated by experiments or stereopticon views, who do not care to take formal lessons in an evening school, and are unable to attend at a central point such courses of lectures as are given by the Lowell Institute.

It will doubtless be stated that however desirable it might be to add such courses of lectures to the instruction now given under the direction of the School Committee, its funds do not permit the undertaking of this work at the present time. In order to obviate this difficulty, without conceding that it is a real one except for the balance of this financial year, and to make it possible to secure at least a small beginning during the coming winter in work of this character, I desire to ask your Board to give its permission to have some of the school halls in different sections of the city used for this purpose; and if such permission is given, I will at least make the attempt to secure, either by appropriation from the City Council or by private subscription, sufficient funds to start the experiment, and I will further undertake to organize an advisory committee to secure lecturers and make the necessary arrangements, unless your Board desires to place the matter at once under the charge of a committee of its own number. I make this suggestion with no desire to enter, as the executive head of the city, a field which may be considered as coming within the scope of the general powers and duties of the School Committee, in its relation to public education, but merely with the object of getting this work started in some manner within the next few months, so that Boston may be the second city — as the work already done by New York prevents her from being the first — to establish in this manner a comprehensive system of adult instruction.

In some parts of the city it may be possible to use ward-rooms or other public halls, which can be had without the payment of rent, but in many districts the only halls suitable for such a purpose are to be found in the school buildings, and it therefore seems necessary to make this request for their use. I have already called this matter to the attention of the City Council, and have requested that body to join with me in this application for their use. I trust that the School Committee will recognize the value and importance of this work, and, if it cannot inaugurate it directly itself, will be willing to give its hearty co-operation towards starting it.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the communication was referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

The Superintendent presented the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations.

Christopher Gibson District. — Alice C. Chesley, assistant, Grammar School, Nov. 1, 1898.

Dillaway District. — Celia A. Scribner, assistant, Primary School, Oct. 12, 1898.

Lewis District. — Kate M. Groll, assistant, Grammar School, Nov. 1, 1898.

Accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, confirmations and transfers for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Washington Allston District. — Mary A. Duston, from Oct. 12, 1898.

Kindergartens.

Dorchester-avenue School. — Annie M. Smith, from Oct. 17, 1898.

Union-street School. — Gertrude F. Briggs, from Oct. 3, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

Christopher Gibson District. — Edith M. Sandsbury, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Nov. 1, 1898.

Lewis District. — Eva C. Jenkins, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Nov. 1, 1898.

Mary Hemenway District. — Florence G. Willis, assistant Primary School, from Oct. 17, 1898.

Mather District. — Annie H. Holbrook, Gertrude Newman, assistants, Grammar School, from Nov. 1, 1898.

Minot District. — Mary K. Tibbits, first assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 26, 1898.

Wells District. — Clara B. Shaw, assistant, Grammar School, Ida H. Ayers, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 17, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Brighton High School. — Eleanor J. O'Brien, teacher of physical training.

Dorchester High School. — Louisa E. Humphrey, asistant.

Longfellow District. — Rose E. Keenan, assistant, Grammar School.

Warren District. — Abbie M. Mott, first assistant, Grammar School. Angelia M. Courtney, assistant, Grammar School.

Instructor in Sewing. — Katharine M. Howell.

Laid over, under the rule.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers.

Mary Hemenway District. — Fanny L. Short, assistant, Primary School, on probation, to the position of assistant, Grammar School, on probation, in the same district, to date from Oct. 17, 1898. Annetta F. Armes, assistant, Grammar School, to the same position in the Bowdoin District, to date from Oct. 26, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Appointment of instructors in Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools.

Evening High School. — *Instructor in Penmanship and Book-keeping.* — Llewellyn O. White, from Sept. 26, 1898. *Instructors of Phonography.* — Eugene A. Gilmore, from Oct. 3, 1898; James Varcoe, from Oct. 6, 1898.

Instructors of Penmanship. — Frank B. Davis, from Oct. 3, 1898; William C. Burnham, from Oct. 6, 1898.

Comins School. — Assistant, Emily Frazer, from Oct. 13, 1898.

Eliot School. — Assistants, Anna J. Griffin, Mary C. Maloy, from Oct. 17, 1898.

Wells School. — Assistant, Jessie A. Burr, from Oct. 12, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leaves of absence granted; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Bennett District. — Edith H. Jones, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 21, 1898, until Jan. 1, 1899; Helena D. Smith, substitute.

Dearborn District. — Lizzie M. Wood, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 3, 1898, until Feb. 3, 1899; Mary A. Scully, substitute.

Emerson District. — Charlotte G. Ray, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 4, 1898, until Jan. 2, 1899; Fannie M. Morris, substitute.

Hyde District. — Lucy L. Burgess, first assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 1, 1898, until March 1, 1899; Emma S. Gulliver, substitute.

Instructor in Sewing. — Sarah J. Bray, from Sept. 28, 1898, until Dec. 1, 1898; Frances Tully, substitute.

Death of Hosea E. Holt.

The Superintendent reported that the death of Hosea E. Holt, late instructor of music, occurred on the 18th instant.

Placed on file.

Mr. Lowell, for the Committee on School Houses, offered the following:

Contract for furnishing window-shades for Paul Revere School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be authorized to execute a contract with J. Otis McFadden in the sum of three hundred thirty dollars ($330) for furnishing window-shades for the Paul Revere School; said McFadden being the lowest bidder.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on New Buildings, offered the following:

Appropriation for Quincy-street Grammar School-house site.

Ordered, That of the $72,000 appropriated April 26, 1898, for Quincy-street School-house, addition, the following transfer be made.

New Grammar School-house, site, Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, $16,841.76.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Purchase of land for Grammar School-house, Quincy street. [See p. 502.]

Ordered, That there be paid to H. M. Cunningham the sum of sixteen thousand eight hundred forty-one dollars and seventy-six cents ($16,841.76) as payment for a lot of land on Quincy street, Dorchester, containing about thirty-two thousand three hundred eighty-eight square feet, upon the said Cunningham giving to the City of Boston a deed for said estate satisfactory to the Law Department.

Laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; new Primary School-house, Munroe street.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, reported that on July 19 the Board approved plans and specifications prepared by James Mulcahy, Architect, for a new eight-room Primary School-house on Munroe street, Roxbury. In due course your committee advertised for bids for the construction of this building, which were opened on August 22. But four proposals were received, the lowest of which was for $63,396, an amount considerably in excess of the appropriation of $50,000. Your committee acting in accordance with their best judgment, rejected these bids and directed the architect to prepare an entirely new set of plans for a building to contain the same number of rooms, but of less cost. This has been done, and your committee now present the new plans for the approval of the Board, and ask the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the new plans and specifications for a Primary School-house on Munroe street, prepared by James Mulcahy, Architect, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said James Mulcahy is hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications.

Accompanying the plans and specifications was the written approval of the Superintendent, as follows:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Oct. 25, 1898.

To the Committee on New Buildings:

SIRS: I have examined with care the plans and specifications for the proposed new Primary School-house on Munroe street, in the Roxbury district; said plans having been made, and said specifications having been prepared by James Mulcahy, Architect, at 60 State street, Boston. These plans consist of seven (7) blue prints of drawings. They and the specifications are hereby approved by me.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; progress in erection of South Boston High School-house. [See p. 478.]

Mr. Eaton for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 11 — a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, asking what progress, if any, has been made in the erection of the proposed High School for South Boston, reported that the contract for the construction of this building has recently been executed, and your committee anticipate that work on the site will be begun in a few days.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Additional appropriation for Paul Revere School-house.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

Paul Revere School-house, Prince street, additional, $5,000.

Mr. Eaton moved that the rules be suspended to permit the passage of the order.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, the necessary number not voting therefor, and the order was laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Additional contracts in connection with Paul Revere School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute additional contracts in connection with the Paul Revere School-house, as follows:

Iron fence between school-house and playground:

John S. Jacobs & Son, granite curbing and foundation	$775 00
P. J. Dinn & Co., fence	185 00
Rosenberger & Gilman, painting fence	24 00
	$984 00

Wooden fence on rear line of lot, including all materials, labor and painting:

Francis C. Creber	$293 00

Covering seventeen basement windows, with wire netting, and alteration of present window-guards:

Morss & Whyte	$200 00

the said firms being the lowest bidders.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Addition to contract for erection of Webster-avenue Primary School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are authorized to execute an addition to the contract of F. G. Coburn & Co., for building the Webster-avenue Primary School-house, in the sum of $2,301.68, for substituting a flat roof for a pitched roof, thickening inside pier, fire-proofing one staircase, and increasing depth of foundation walls of said building.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Eaton offered the following:

Renaming of Mather School-house, South Boston.

Ordered, That the Mather School, in the Lawrence District, South Boston, be hereafter known as the Parkman School.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Eaton offered the following:

Ordered, That the new Primary School-house in the Thomas N. Hart District, South Boston, be named the Liberty D. Packard School, in honor of the late Dr. Packard.

Naming of new Primary School-house, Thomas N. Hart District.

Laid over, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, the report and order presented by the Committee on New Buildings at the last meeting, with reference to an appropriation to cover the cost of a portion of the Elm-street site, Charlestown, were taken from the table. (See Minutes, pages 490, 491.) The order is as follows:

Payment to Thomas F. McManus. [See pp. 490, 491.]

Ordered, That of the $35,812 appropriated April 26, 1898, for new Primary School-house, Charlestown site, the following transfer be made:

Elm street, Charlestown, Primary School-house site, $10,291.40.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, the following order was taken from the table (see Minutes, page 491):

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board October 27, 1896, that the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, a parcel of land on the southeasterly side of Elm street, bounded and described as follows, viz.: Northwest by Elm street, there measuring ninety-four and $\frac{62}{100}$ feet; northeast by Lincoln place one hundred sixteen and $\frac{30}{100}$ feet, southeast by land now or late of Sarah J. White, land of Elias Abbott, and land of other owners eighty-nine and $\frac{28}{100}$ feet; and southwest by Howard place one hundred fourteen and $\frac{25}{100}$ feet; containing about 10,600 square feet, be, and the same hereby is, rescinded, and that the lands on Elm street, Charlestown, which have been acquired for said purpose be surrendered to the City Council as not being required for school use.

Elm-street site, Charlestown.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, the order was recommitted to the Committee of New Buildings, by a vote of 15 to 4.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was

Committee on New Buildings to report on expenditure of appropriations made under chapter 405 of Acts of 1895, and subsequent acts.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be instructed, as soon as practicable to report to this Board:

First. — A list of the appropriations made from the funds provided under chapter 405 of the Acts of 1895, and other subsequent acts of the Legislature under which funds have been provided for this Board, so grouping such appropriations as to show, when made, for what made, and the total amount for each lot taken or purchased, building erected or furnished, or both.

Second. — The lots taken or purchased, or both, since the passage of said act, whether the title was obtained by purchase or by taking, or both, the assessed valuations of the various parcels taken, and the prices paid for the said parcels; whether the prices paid were paid by agreement with this Board, with the Street Commissioners, under the advice of the Law Department, or on verdicts by juries, and the excess, if any, in the prices paid over the assessed valuations of each school-house lot taken.

Third. — If the foregoing should show that the prices paid were largely in excess of the assessed valuations, the reasons why, in the judgment of said Committee, such excess has been paid.

Fourth. — Whether any legislation, and, if so, what legislation is necessary or expedient to enable this Board better and more economically to obtain proper lots and erect thereon proper buildings for school-house purposes.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was

Committee on School-houses to report on needed legislation with regard to repair, warming, cleaning and ventilation of school-houses.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be instructed, as soon as practicable to report to this Board, whether any legislation is needed, and, if so, what legislation, in order to enable this Board better and more economically to provide for the repair, warming, cleaning and ventilation of the several school-houses.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was

Sharon street, in front of Stephen M.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to grade Sharon street, in front of the Stephen

M. Weld School, or to provide a plank walk or other facilities, by which reasonable access may be obtained to said school building in stormy weather.

Weld School, to be graded.

Mr. Anderson offered the following:

Ordered, That the Helman-Taylor Company, Cleveland, Ohio, be permitted to give an exhibition of their collection of pictures suitable for school-room decoration in either hall of the Latin-English High School Building, provided that the same be without expense to the city, that it be free to the public, and that no sales be made from the collection.

Exhibition of pictures in Latin English High School. building.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following:

Ordered, That the orders passed by this Board — May 24 — that on and after the first day of September, 1899, the Boston Normal School be discontinued, and that the Secretary of the State Board of Education of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts be informed that it is the sense of this Board that a Normal School, in lieu of the Normal School now maintained by the City of Boston, should be established and maintained in this city by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, be, and the same hereby are, rescinded.

Discontinuance of Boston Normal School [See p. 309.]

Mr. Anderson moved that the order be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to lay on the table.

Mr. Anderson's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas.—Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Gallivan, Hubbard, Lowell and Paul — 9.

Yeas and nays.

Nays. — Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bowdlear, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald and Nichols — 11.

Absent. — Messrs. Bassett, Davison, Fleischer and Strange.

Mr. Paul moved that the order be specially assigned to the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to specially assign.

Mr. Paul's motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas. — Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bateman, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Gallivan, Hubbard, Lowell, Nichols and Paul — 11.

Nays. — Mr. Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bowdlear, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Huggan, Mrs. Keller and Mr. McDonald — 9.

Absent. — Messrs. Bassett, Davison, Fleischer and Strange.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following:

Examination of candidates for certificates, High School, Class A.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be authorized to admit to the High School, Class A, examination, to be held in April, 1899, members of senior classes in colleges, who are otherwise eligible, either by having had a year's experience in teaching, or by being graduates of a State Normal School, or by having substantially completed a satisfactory course in pedagogy.

Mr. Allen moved that the order be referred to the Committee on Courses of Study and Text Books.

Lost.

The order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Report, Committee on Courses of Study and Text-books; text-books authorized in High Schools. [See pp. 493, 494.]

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Courses of Study and Text Books, to whom was referred — October 11 — an order relative to the authorization of certain text-books in the high schools which are already authorized for use in the Latin schools, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Moulton & Collar's Preparatory Latin Composition, Oman's History of Greece, and Allen's A Short History of the Roman People, be authorized for use as text-books in the High Schools, to be furnished only for such pupils as are preparing for college.

The report was accepted.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of the order.

Mr. Paul raised the point of order that under the Statute the order should lie over until the following meeting, and that sixteen votes would be required for its passage.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

The order was accordingly laid over.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, it was

Ordered, That a special committee of three be appointed by the Chair to take charge of all matters relating to the exhibition of the work of the public schools of this city at the Paris Exposition during the year 1900.

Committee to take charge of exhibition of work of Boston public schools at Paris Exposition.

The Chair stated that the Committee would be appointed at a subsequent meeting.

On motion of Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Ordered, That the amount due A. M. Leavitt, deceased, late a truant officer, be paid to his widow, Sarah J. Leavitt.

Salary due A. M. Leavitt.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on Salaries, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to Patrick W. Tighe, janitor of the English High School, the sum of one hundred dollars ($100) for acting as door-keeper of the Evening High School, during the term 1898–99; said sum to be paid at the rate of twenty dollars ($20) per month from October 1, 1898, to March 1, 1899.

Payment to Patrick W. Tighe.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

Ordered, That Sarah A. Gallagher, assistant, Grammar School, in the Norcross District, be granted leave of absence on half-pay from November 1, 1898, until August 31, 1899.

Leave of absence granted Sarah A. Gallagher.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred from the files of a previous

Report, Committee on Rules and

Regulations; election of sub-masters in girls' schools.

year, an order that the Rules and Regulations be amended so as to provide for the election of sub-masters in girls' schools, reported that this question has been given very careful consideration, not only by your committee, but by the Board of Supervisors as well, who, after investigation and conference with the principals of such schools, have come to the unanimous conclusion that it is inexpedient to make the change suggested. Your committee concur in that opinion, and therefore recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Paul offered the following:

Amendment of Rules; orders involving expenditure of money to lie on table.

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows:

Chapter II., Section 28. Strike out the section.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, the following order was taken from the table:

Payment to Joseph P. Fleming. [See pp. 424, 431.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Joseph B. Fleming, janitor of the Hancock School-house, the sum of twenty-five dollars ($25) for extra services performed during the school year 1897–98.

The order passed.

Mr. Calderwood offered the following:

Salary of special instructor phonography and book keeping, East Boston High School.

Ordered, That the salary of the special instructor of phonography and book-keeping in the East Boston High School be fixed at the rate of twelve hundred dollars ($1,200) per annum.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Calderwood offered the following:

Laboratory assistant for classes in chemistry and physics, English High School.

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be authorized to employ a laboratory assistant for classes in chemistry and physics in the English High School, to date from Sept. 6, 1898, at a salary not to exceed five hundred dollars ($500) per annum.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, the report and order presented by the Committee on New Buildings, at the last meeting, with reference to a new Primary School-house site in Charlestown (see Minutes, page 492) were taken from the table.

New Primary School-house site, Charlestown. [See p. 492.]

On motion of Mr. Bateman, the report and order were recommitted to the Committee on New Buildings.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Nov. 8, 1898.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

Present: All the members except Mrs. Fifield.

On motion of Mr. Bowdlear, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments, confirmations and transfers presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Appointments, confirmations, and transfers laid over, approved.

The appointments, confirmations and transfers were approved.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That there be paid to Patrick W. Tighe, janitor of the English High School, the sum of one hundred dollars ($100) for acting as door-keeper of the Evening High School during the term 1898–99; said sum to be paid at the rate of twenty dollars ($20) per month from Oct. 1, 1898, to March 1, 1899.

Payment to Patrick W. Tighe. [See p. 515.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule, at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute additional contracts in connection with the Paul Revere School-house, as follows:

Additional connection with tracts in connection with Paul Revere School-house. [See p. 510.]

Iron fence between school-house and playground:

John S. Jacobs & Son, granite curbing and foundation	$775 00
P. J. Dinn & Co., fence	185 00
Rosenberger & Gilman, painting fence	24 00
	$984 00

Wooden fence on rear line of lot, including all materials, labor and painting:

Francis C. Creber $293 00

Covering seventeen basement windows, with wire netting and alteration of present window-guards:

Morss & Whyte $200 00

the said firms being the lowest bidders.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule, at the last meeting, was read:

Text-books authorized in High Schools. [See pp. 514, 515.]

Ordered, That Moulton & Collar's Preparatory Latin Composition, Oman's History of Greece, and Allen's, A Short History of the Roman People, be authorized for use as text-books in the High Schools, to be furnished only for such pupils as are preparing for college.

Passed, eighteen members voting in the affirmative.

The following order, laid over under the rule, at the last meeting, was read:

Naming of new Primary School-house, Thomas N. Hart District. [See p. 511.]

Ordered, That the new Primary School-house in the Thomas N. Hart District, South Boston, be named the Liberty D. Packard School, in honor of the late Dr. Packard.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the order was referred to the Committee on the Sixth Division.

The following order, laid over under the rule, at the last meeting, was read:

Renaming of Mather School-house, South Boston. [See p. 510.]

Ordered, That the Mather School, in the Lawrence District, South Boston, be hereafter known as the Parkman School.

Passed, fifteen members voting in the affirmative.

The following order, laid over under the rule, at the last meeting, was read:

Addition to contract for erection of Webster-avenue Pri-

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an addition to the contract of F. G. Coburn & Co., for building the

Webster-avenue Primary School-house, in the sum of $2,301.68, for substituting a flat roof for a pitched roof, thickening inside pier, fire-proofing one staircase, and increasing depth of foundation walls of said building.

mary School-house. [See p. 510.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule, at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

Additional appropriation for Paul Revere School-house. [See p. 509.]

Paul Revere School-house, Prince street, additional, $5,000.

Mr. Burrill moved that the order be amended by substituting the amount "$1,000" for the amount "$5,000."

Mr. Anderson moved that the order be laid on the table.

Lost, by a vote of 7 to 10.

Mr. Burrill's motion to amend was lost by a vote of 8 to 10.

The order passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule, at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That there be paid to H. M. Cunningham the sum of sixteen thousand eight hundred forty-one dollars and seventy-six cents ($16,841.76) as payment for a lot of land on Quincy street, Dorchester, containing about thirty-two thousand three hundred eighty-eight square feet, upon the said Cunningham giving to the City of Boston a deed for said estate satisfactory to the Law Department.

Purchase of land for Grammar School-house, Quincy street. [See pp. 502, 508.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule, at the last meeting, was read:

Appropriation for Quincy-street Grammar School-house, site. [See p. 507.]

Ordered, That of the $72,000 appropriated April 26, 1898, for Quincy-street School-house, addition, the following transfer be made:

New Grammar School-house, site, Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, $16,841.76.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, the order was amended by substituting the amount "$16,850.26" for the amount "$16,841.76."

The order as amended passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule, at the last meeting, was read:

Contract for furnishing window-shades for Paul Revere School-house. [See p. 507.]

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be authorized to execute a contract with J. Otis McFadden in the sum of three hundred thirty dollars ($330) for furnishing window-shades for the Paul Revere School; said McFadden being the lowest bidder.

Passed.

The Chair read the following;

Communication from Superintendent of Streets; grading of Sharon street in front of Stephen M. Weld School. [See pp. 512, 513.]

STREET DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
BOSTON, Oct. 28, 1898.

Mr. Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary School Committee, Mason Street, Boston:

DEAR SIR: I acknowledge receipt of your request to grade Sharon street in front of the Stephen M. Weld School, or to provide plank-walk. I would say in reply that Sharon street is a private way, and if the School Committee desire a plank-walk they can arrange with the owners to lay the same. Sharon street being a private way, this department has, of course, no right therein.

Yours very truly,
BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Secretary of Department of School Administration of the National Educational Association for School Boards; convention of School Boards.

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL
ASSOCIATION FOR SCHOOL BOARDS,
MILWAUKEE, WIS., Nov. 5, 1898.

Board of Education, Boston, Mass.:

GENTLEMEN: At the next meeting of the Department of School Administration of the National Educational Association, to be held next July, it is intended to discuss questions of vital importance in

school government, and more particularly such topics as may seem to the School Board members most expedient and timely.

The Executive Committee of the Association has decided to address the leading School Boards of the United States, and request them to suggest such topics as may seem to them of greatest importance. The benefits arising from these conventions will be placed within the reach of all Boards of Education.

A number of Boards have appointed special committees, whose duty it shall be to consider the matter, and suggest at least three topics, or name at least the problems which give the Board the greatest amount of annoyance and present the greatest difficulties.

It is suggested that you appoint a similar committee from the members of your Board to report its recommendations at a later meeting.

We trust that your honorable body will avail itself of the privilege extended, and lend your co-operation to the extent solicited in this communication.

Kindly communicate the results of your committee to the undersigned, and oblige

Yours very truly,
WM. GEO. BRUCE,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Superintendent presented the following:

RESIGNATION.

Franklin District. — Sarah N. Macomber, assistant, Grammar School, Nov. 1, 1898. Resignation.

Accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, confirmations and transfer for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Emerson District. — Eliza D. Graham, from Nov. 9, 1898. Special assistants.

Martin District. — Violet O. Frederick, from Oct. 28, 1898.

Quincy District. — Martha F. Titus, from Nov. 7, 1898.

Kindergartens.

Boylston Chapel. — Alice V. Tuttle, from Oct. 27, 1898.

Tappan School. — Grace G. Kendall, from Oct. 18, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Lewis District. — Bertha E. Hilton, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 7, 1898.

Shurtleff District. — Clara L. Haynes, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 6, 1898, to Nov. 6, 1898.

Noble Kindergarten. — Alice V. Tuttle, assistant, from Sept. 7, 1898, to Oct. 25, 1898.

Placed on file.

Re-appointments of Temporary Teachers.

Girls' High School. — Mary H. Shed, assistant, from Nov. 14, 1898.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Albert W. Thayer, junior master, from Nov. 7, 1898.

Bowdoin District. — Ellen A. Dillingham, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 7, 1898.

Christopher Gibson District. — Caroline W. Heckle, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 7, 1898.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Margaret A. Page, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 21, 1898.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Edwin I. Beal, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 7, 1898.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Maude C. Tinkham, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 7, 1898.

Schools of Cookery. — Annie M. Eaton, instructor, from Nov. 7, 1898; Emily H. Hawes, instructor, from Nov. 21, 1898; Jeannie B. Kenrick, instructor, from Nov. 28, 1898.

Rules suspended.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

Adams District. — Eleanor C. Butler, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 19, 1898.

Lincoln District. — Rachel W. Washburn, assistant, Primary School, second year, from Nov. 1, 1898.

Martin District. — Alice E. Lawrence, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 1, 1898.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Anna T. Mahar, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 1, 1898.

Tileston District. — Elizabeth C. Banker, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 1, 1898.

Washington Allston District. — Margaret A. Foley, assistant, Primary School, second year, from Nov. 1, 1898.

Manual Training Schools. — Olive I. Harris, assistant instructor, from Nov. 1, 1898.

Noble Kindergarten. — G. Caroline Penchard, assistant, from Oct. 26, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools. — M. Eloise Talbot, teacher of physical training and reading; Ruth B. Whittemore, special teacher of physical training.

Roxbury High School. — Lyman G. Smith, junior master.

Agassiz District. — Mary E. Ward, assistant, Grammar School.

Emerson District. — Helen A. Burke, Charlotte A. Fraser, assistants, Primary School.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Mary A. Fruean, assistant, Primary School.

Lyman District. — Loretta Sullivan, assistant, Grammar School; Alvira M. Bartlett, assistant, Primary School.

Mather District. — Viola S. Churchill, Bessie McBride, assistants, Primary School.

Winthrop District. — Jane M. O'Brien, assistant, Grammar School.

Kindergartens.

Cudworth School. — Charlena D. Hoyt, assistant.

Everett School. — Sadie N. Stall, assistant.

Laid over, under the rule.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of teacher.

Lowell District. — Minnie A. Noyes, assistant, Grammar School, on probation, to the same position in the Mary Hemenway District, on probation, to date from Oct. 24, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Appointment of instructors, Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools.

Evening High School. — Instructor of Phonography, Roy C. Gasser, from Oct. 4, 1898.

Franklin School. — Assistant, Mary C. Harrington, from Oct. 10, 1898.

Lyman School. — Special Instructor of Cookery, Annie M. Eaton, from Nov. 2, 1898.

Quincy School. — Assistant, Frances M. Supple, from Oct. 24, 1898.

Rules suspended.

Approved, under a suspension of the rule.

EVENING DRAWING SCHOOLS.

Appointment of assistants, Evening Drawing Schools.

Assistants. — Herbert W. Adams, Richard Andrew, Anna K. Blaisdell, Annie E. Blake, James Brough, Henry K. Burrison, J. Albert Cole, William P. Edwards, John L. Frisbee, Joseph A. Frizzell, Vesper L. George, Josiah P. Hayward, William L. Judkins, Alexander Miller, Henry W. Poor, George F. Sibley, William L. Skinner, Alvah C. Spencer, from Oct. 17, 1898.

Rules suspended.

Approved, under a suspension of the rule.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Leaves of absence granted; substitutes approved.

Bigelow District. — Katharine P. Kelley, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 31, 1898, until Jan. 2, 1899; Madeline A. Foppiano, substitute.

Eliot District. — Adolin M. Steele, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 24, 1898, until Feb. 24, 1899; S. Louise Regal, substitute.

Hyde District. — Frances M. Supple, substitute for Caroline K. Nickerson, assistant, Grammar School, granted leave of absence.

Robert G. Shaw District. — Helen S. Henry, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 28, 1898, until Feb. 28, 1899; Margaret F. Murphy, substitute.

Thetford Street Kindergarten. — Sarah T. Whitmarsh, principal, from Nov. 1, 1898, until March 1, 1899; Hattie Browne, substitute.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments and application for leave of absence, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto:

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

English High School. — Frank E. Poole, junior master, from Nov. 14, 1898.

Bunker Hill District. — Marcella C. Coyle, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 7, 1898.

Chapman District. — Lilian G. Farmer, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 7, 1898.

Christopher Gibson District. — Corinna Barry, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 6, 1898, to Oct. 25, 1898.

Dearborn District. — Annie L. Coffey, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 9, 1898.

Gaston District. — Agnes R. Leahy, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 7, 1898.

Hancock District. — Mary E. O'Hare, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 7, 1898.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Helen L. Bradford, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 9, 1898.

Quincy District. — Evelyn E. Kelley, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 7, 1898.

Washington Allston District. — Grace G. Johnson, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 7, 1898.

Rules suspended.

The employment of the teachers named was approved, under a suspension of the rules.

The reports of the Superintendent of teachers appointed to these positions were placed on file.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

Roxbury High School. — Anna F. O'Hara, assistant, from Nov. 1, 1898.

Rules suspended.

Laid over, under the rule.

Franklin District. — Florence H. King, assistant, Grammar School, third year, from Nov. 1, 1898.

Rules suspended.

Approved, under a suspension of the rule.

Norcross District. — Cherrie W. St. Clair, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 1, 1898.

Approved, under a suspension of the rule.

Quincy District. — Blanche F. Harrington, assistant, Primary School, second year, from Nov. 1, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Leave of absence granted Sarah C. Carney.

Assistant Instructor of Music. — Sarah C. Carney, from Dec. 1, 1898, until April 1, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Granted, under a suspension of the rule.

Mr. Lowell, for the Committee on School Houses reported for the approval of the Board, the following appointment:

JANITOR.

Old Gibson School Annex. — Thomas Kinsley, from Oct. 10, 1898.

Appointment of janitor, Old Gibson School annex.

Accepted, and the appointment approved.

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, who were instructed — Oct. 25 — to report as soon as practicable to this Board whether any legislation is needed, and if so, what legislation, in order to enable this Board better and more economically to provide for the repair, warming, cleaning and ventilation of the several school-houses, reported that they have carefully considered the matter, and beg leave to submit the following report:

Report of Committee on School Houses; additional legislation needed. [See p. 512.]

By chapter 408, of the Acts of 1895, the School Committee was given "full power and control of the design, construction, erection and furnishing of all school buildings," subject only to the fact that contracts for these purposes must be approved by the Mayor. The additions, alterations and repair of school-houses, including, of course, the installing of any warming and ventilating plant, remain under chapter 297 of the Acts of 1889, which provides (section 6) that "the School Committee shall have power and authority to order to be made on the school buildings any additions, alterations and repairs for school purposes which it deems necessary."

Now, the Corporation Counsel, whose opinion is, of course, binding upon the City Auditor, unless a contrary decision is rendered by the courts, has given his opinion that this merely authorizes the School Committee to order additions, alterations and repairs, and that their execution falls within the province of the Mayor. The School Committee has steadily refused to accept that construction of the statute, and the result has been a sort of tacit compromise whereby the School Committee has employed officials in the Department of Public Buildings to take charge of the repairs. These officials, being responsible to two masters, find it really impossible to be completely responsible to either, and the result is that the School Committee is held to account for work which it cannot really control. It ought not to be so held unless it can organize its work, and commit it to agents whom it can completely control and hold responsible to itself. This, of course, is far from being the case under the present arrangement. The Public Buildings Department, for example, does indeed submit the bills to the School Committee for approval, but it renders no regular accounts of its expenditures. In June last the Committee on School Houses passed a vote requesting the Department of Public Buildings to submit to them a regular monthly account of expenditures, and the department is preparing to do so; but up to the present time no such accounts have been received.

It is clear that any such system of divided responsibility means the negation of all responsibility; that neither the Mayor nor the School

Committee is really responsible for the repairs of school buildings to-day, nor can any such responsibility be fixed until one authority or the other is given sole and undisputed power to do the necessary work. The system is bad and cannot be made to work satisfactorily until such a change is made. The Committee on Legislative Matters presented the case to the Legislature last year, but without success.

Nor would the construction of the statute contended for by the Corporation Counsel — that is, that the School Committee should order the repairs, and that they should be executed by the Mayor — put things upon a better footing. The question of whether a particular addition, alteration or repair is to be ordered will depend very largely upon what it is to cost. The question whether a heating or ventilating apparatus, for example, had better be repaired or replaced, depends in many cases on what the cost of the repair will be. Last winter the Committee on School Houses, desiring to hire the Chauncy Hall School, to afford additional accommodations for the Girls' Latin School, obtained a report from the Public Buildings Department that the cost of the necessary repairs would be $4,500; but when the bills came in it was found that those repairs had cost about $12,500, although no suggestion had been given to the committee that they were costing more than the estimates. Now, in such a case, if the committee had known what the repairs would cost, they would undoubtedly not have hired the building. The only method to avoid such occurrences is, as hereinbefore stated, to allow one authority to do all the work upon school buildings, and to organize for that purpose a department solely responsible to itself. The new rules already provide for the appointment of a School-house Agent, and we recommend that the School Committee apply to the Legislature for such an amendment to the Acts of 1889 as will give to the School Committee the power to make, by means of its own officials, the necessary additions, alterations and repairs upon school buildings.

On motion of Mr. Anderson the report was laid on the table.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; expenditure of appropriations made under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, and subsequent acts. [See p. 512.]

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on New Buildings, presented the following report:

The Committee on New Buildings, who were instructed — Oct. 25 — as soon as practicable to report to this Board:

First. — A list of the appropriations made from the funds provided under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, and other subsequent acts of the Legislature under which funds have been provided for this Board, so grouping such appropriations as to show, when made, for what made, and the total amount for each lot taken or purchased, building erected or furnished, or both.

Second. — The lots taken or purchased, or both, since the passage of said act, whether the title was obtained by purchase or by taking, or both, the assessed valuations of the various parcels taken, and the prices paid for the said parcels; whether the prices paid were paid by agreement with this Board, with the Street Commissioners, under the advice of the Law Department, or on verdicts by juries, and the

excess, if any, in the prices paid over the assessed valuations of each school-house lot taken.

Third. — If the foregoing should show that the prices paid were largely in excess of the assessed valuations, the reasons why, in the judgment of said committee, such excess has been paid.

Fourth. — Whether any legislation, and, if so, what legislation is necessary or expedient to enable this Board better and more economically to obtain proper lots and erect thereon proper buildings for school-house purposes, submit the information called for in detail, as follows:

The following table shows the various amounts granted to the School Committee by the Legislature for the building and furnishing of school-houses, and the taking of lands therefor:

	Year.	Amount.
Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895 as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897.....	1895	$500,000 00
	1896	500,000 00
	1897 *	650,000 00
	1898 *	650,000 00
Chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898.....	1899 †	300,000 00
	1900 †	300,000 00
	1901 †	250,000 00
		$3,150,000 00

The following table shows the actual appropriations made by the School Committee under the Acts referred to. In a number of instances the actual expenditure was less than the appropriation, leaving an unexpended balance which was subsequently transferred to another object, and in such cases the fact is stated under the heading "Remarks." In other instances appropriations or unexpended balances of appropriations made by the City Council for new school-houses, or for the purchase of land for school purposes, previous to the passage of chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, were expended under the direction of the School Committee in connection with the funds granted said committee by the Legislature, and this information is also given under the same heading. The absence of any remark indicates that the actual expenditure exhausted the appropriation:

* Not less than $500,000 to be used for taking lands and erection and furnishing of high-school buildings in East Boston, South Boston, West Roxbury and Dorchester.

† For building and furnishing of High and Latin schools, and taking lands therefor.

Object.	Date of Appropriation.	Amount of Appropriation.	Total Appropriation.	Remarks.
Blackinton School lot, grading	Nov. 24, 1896, (Transfer)	$5,982 00	$5,982 00	Unexpended balance available for transfer, $1,713.46.
Cudworth School-house, enlargement of lot	Feb. 25, 1896	1,500 00	1,500 00	An appropriation of $5,000.00 made by the City Council also expended for this purpose.
Cudworth School-house lot, grading	Nov. 23, 1897	7,000 00	7,000 00	Unexpended balance available for transfer, $227.91.
Dillaway School-house lot, grading	Dec. 14, 1897	625 85	625 85	
Completing grading of Morton-street School-house lot	Feb. 11, 1896	500 00	500 00	Unexpended balance of $3,877.00 from City Council appropriation also expended for this purpose.
Canterbury-street lot, grading	Oct. 22, 1895	4,000 00	4,000 00	Unexpended balance of $4,644.17 from City Council appropriation also expended for this purpose.
Edward Everett School, grading of lot, erection of wall, etc.	Sept. 10, 1895	5,000 00	5,000 00	Unexpended balance of $340.69 transferred to new grammar school-house, Harris District.
Bigelow School-house, enlargement of lot, grading, etc.	Sept. 10, 1895	25,000 00	25,000 00	Unexpended balance available for transfer, $485.30.
William H. Kent School-house, Moulton-street, Charlestown, grading and additional land	Sept. 28, 1897 Oct. 12, 1897	4,200 00 2,000 00	6,200 00	The appropriation of Sept. 28, 1897, was for grading, and that of Oct. 12, 1897, for land. Unexpended balance of $5,000.00 from City Council appropriation also expended for the enlargement of this lot. Unexpended balance to date, $255.71. (Two estates still unsettled.)
William Wirt Warren School-house, grading	Nov. 26, 1895 Jan. 4, 1897 May 25, 1897	5,000 00 165 50 176 60	5,342 10	
Sharp School-house, enlargement of lot, grading and fencing	April 13, 1897	2,997 96	2,997 96	

Object.	Date of Appropriation.	Amount of Appropriation.	Total Appropriation.	Remarks.
Old Gibson School-house, lot enlargement,	April 26, 1898..	$5,510 08	$5,510 08	
Old Gibson School-house yard, grading...	Sept. 13, 1898...	500 00	500 00	Unexpended balance available for transfer, $22.00.
Hancock School, enlargement of lot.....	June 18, 1896...	3,000 00	3,000 00	This appropriation of $3,000.00 was subsequently transferred to new grammar school-house, Harris District. The cost of this enlargement was met from City Council appropriation available for the purpose.
Paul Gore street, West Roxbury, site. ..	Sept. 8, 1896...	11,810 88	11,810 88	
George Putnam School-house, lot enlargement.....	Feb. 23, 1898...	9,584 50	9,584 50	
New Primary School-house, Charlestown, site.....	April 26, 1898..	35,812 00	35,812 00	$10,291.40 transferred Oct. 25, 1898, to Elm-street, Charlestown, Primary School-house, site.
Elm-street, Charlestown, Primary School-house, site.....	Oct. 25, 1898.... (Transfer.)..	10,291 40	10,291 40	
New Bowdoin School-house, furnishing and electric fixtures.....	Nov. 10, 1896... April 13, 1897..	9,000 00 2,949 24	11,949 24	
Brighton High School-house, furnishing..	Oct. 22, 1895	21,000 00	21,000 00	
Brighton High School-house, grading.....	Oct. 22, 1895 ...	7,500 00	7,500 00	Unexpended balance of $1,265.96 transferred to new Grammar school-house, Harris District.
Genesee-street School-house, furnishing. (Andrews School.)	April 28, 1896..	2,800 00	2,800 00	
Gilbert Stuart School-house, furnishing....	Oct. 27, 1896....	10,000 00	10,000 00	

Object.	Date of Appropriation.	Amount of Appropriation.	Total Appropriation.	Remarks.
Gilbert Stuart School-house lot, grading...	Sept. 7, 1897....	$8,000 00	$8,000 00	Unexpended balance available for transfer, $290.67.
Small wooden buildings. (Meeting House Hill, Dorchester; Adams street, Dorchester; Harbor View street, Dorchester; Howard Avenue, Dorchester; H street, South Boston.....	Sept. 10, 1895 ..	10,000 00	10,500 00	Unexpended balance of $299.92 transferred; $200.00 to small wooden building in yard of Chapman School-house, and $99.92 to small wooden building in yard of Hugh O'Brien School-house.
	June 18, 1896 ..	500 00		
Small wooden building, Chapman School-house yard.....	June 30, 1896...	2,300 00	2,701 81	
	Jan. 4, 1897....	200 00		
	(Transfer.) Feb. 23, 1897...	201 81		
Wooden building in Hugh O'Brien School-house yard.....	April 28, 1896..	2,000 00	2,437 84	
	Jan. 4, 1897....	99 92		
	(Transfer) Feb. 23, 1897...	337 92		
Wooden building in Lowell School-house yard.....	June 30, 1896 ..	2,300 00	2,369 52	
	Feb. 23, 1897...	69 52		
Wooden building in Prescott School-house yard.....	April 24, 1896..	1,500 00	1,728 89	
	Nov. 10, 1896...	228 89		
Small wooden buildings, furnishing (Chapman, Hugh O'Brien, Lowell, and Prescott Districts).....	Nov. 10, 1896...	7,000 00	7,000 00	Unexpended balance of $645.62 transferred to Longfellow School-house, furnishing.
Wooden building in yard of Munroe-street Primary School-house.....	Oct. 27, 1896....	2,000 00	2,478 59	
	March 23, 1897.	478 59		
Wooden building in yard of Noble School-house, Emerson District	April 12, 1898..	2,700 00	2,700 00	Unexpended balance available for transfer, $0.23.

Object.	Date of Appropriation.	Amount of Appropriation.	Total Appropriation.	Remarks.
Wooden building in yard of Frothingham School-house	April 12, 1898	$2,700 00	$2,700 00	Unexpended balance available for transfer, $4.06.
Wooden building in yard of Morton-street School-house	April 26, 1898	2,700 00	2,700 00	Unexpended balance to date, $100.03.
Wooden building in yard of old Gibson School-house	April 26, 1898	2,700 00	2,700 00	Unexpended balance to date, $81.13.
Wooden buildings, furnishing (Noble, Frothingham, Morton-street and old Gibson School-house yards)	Oct. 25, 1898	1,800 00	1,800 00	Work unfinished.
Wooden Buildings, heating (Noble, Frothingham, Morton-street, and old Gibson School-house yards)	Oct. 11, 1898	1,200 00	1,200 00	
Lewis School-house, alterations	July 9, 1895	10,000 00	10,000 00	Unexpended balance of $173.55 transferred to new Grammar school-house, Harris District.
Rice School-house, alterations	Sept. 10, 1895	10,000 00	10,000 00	Unexpended balance of $60.13 transferred to new Grammar school-house, Harris District.
Thetford-street School-house, addition	Feb. 25, 1896	35,000 00	35,000 00	Unexpended balance available for transfer, $11,677.86.
Allston Club-house (land and building)	Sept. 10, 1895	20,000 00	21,000 00	
Washington Allston Annex	Oct. 8, 1895	1,000 00		
Allston Club-house, furnishing	Sept. 8, 1896	1,100 00	1,142 29	
Washington Allston Annex	Feb. 23, 1897	42 29		

Object.	Date of Appropriation.	Amount of Appropriation.	Total Appropriation.	Remarks.
Beech-street Primary School-house. (Phineas Bates School)	July 9, 1895 Nov. 26, 1895 June 9, 1896 Mar. 23, 1897	$20,000 00 7,500 00 2,175 00 558 58	$30,233 58	
Beech-street Primary School-house, furnishing. (Phineas Bates School)	Oct. 27, 1896 April 13, 1897	1,000 00 179 30	1,179 30	
Primary School-house, Harvest street, Ward 15. (Roger Clap School)	Nov. 26, 1895	10,000 00	10,000 00	An appropriation of $70,000.00 made by the City Council also expended for this purpose. Cost of site met from same appropriation.
Roger Clap School-house, furnishing	Oct. 27, 1896 April 13, 1897	5,000 00 2,692 04	7,692 04	
School Building, Roslindale, west of the railroad. (Longfellow School)	Nov. 26, 1895. Sept. 7, 1897. Dec. 14, 1897.	70,000 00 6,000 00 3,000 00	79,000 00	Unexpended balance available for transfer, $163.94.
Longfellow School-house, furnishing	Sept. 7, 1897. April 12, 1898. (Transfer.)	10,000 00 645 62	10,645 62	
School-house site, west of railroad, Roslindale. (Longfellow School)	Oct. 8, 1895.	9,200 00	9,200 00	Unexpended balance available for transfer, $911.90.
Robinson-street School-house. (Benjamin Cushing School)	March 24, 1896.	65,000 00	65,000 00	Unexpended balance available for transfer, $7,384.07. $6,000.00 from City Council appropriation also expended for this purpose.

Object.	Date of Appropriation.	Amount of Appropriation.	Total Appropriation.	Remarks.
Robinson-street School-house, furnishing. (Benjamin Cushing School)	Nov. 9, 1897...	$7,000 00	$7,000 00	Unexpended balance to date, $2,312.82.
New Primary School-house, Vernon street, Roxbury	Feb. 25, 1896... Jan. 4, 1897... Nov. 23, 1897... April 12, 1898...	50,000 00 19,000 00 14,000 00 2,000 00	85,000 00	Unexpended balance available for transfer, $165.60.
New Primary School-house, Vernon street, furnishing	Dec. 14, 1897...	5,000 00	5,000 00	Unexpended balance to date, $1,415.36.
West End Primary School-house. (Mayhew School)	Nov. 10, 1896... Nov. 23, 1897... April 12, 1898...	60,000 00 6,500 00 1,016 47	67,516 47	An appropriation of $45,000.00 made by the City Council also expended for this purpose.
Mayhew School-house, furnishing	Nov. 9, 1897...	10,000 00	10,000 00	Unexpended balance to date, $4,119.70.
West End School-house, site. (Mayhew School)	Sept. 22, 1896... Feb. 9, 1897...	75,000 00 70,000 00	145,000 00	Unexpended balance to date, $21,774.96. (One estate unsettled).
New Grammar School-house, Harris District. (Mary Hemenway School)	Nov. 26, 1895... Jan. 4, 1897... Jan. 4, 1897... (Transfer.) Nov. 23, 1897... April 12, 1898...	90,000 00 9,919 73 10,840 33 13,000 00 6,000 00	129,760 06	Unexpended balance to date, $230.00.
New Grammar School-house, Harris District, furnishing. (Mary Hemenway School)	Nov. 9, 1897...	12,000 00	12,000 00	
Paul Revere School-house	Oct. 27, 1896... April 13, 1897...	100,000 00 60,000 00	160,000 00	Contracts still open.

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OBJECT.	Date of Appropriation.	Amount of Appropriation.	Total Appropriation.	Remarks.
Paul Revere School-house, furnishing.....	Sept. 27, 1898.	$7,000 00	$7,000 00	Contract not yet awarded.
New Primary School-house, North End, site. (Paul Revere School).....	July 9, 1895... March 23, 1897.. Dec. 14, 1897...	100,000 00 100,000 00 50,990 30	.....	Unexpended balance to date, $127,635.93. (Three estates still unsettled.)
		$250,990 30		
	Jan. 4, 1897. Transferred to Elm-street Primary School-house site.	35,812 00	215,178 30	
Quincy-street School-house, addition.....	April 26, 1898..	$72,000 00	72,000 00	No contracts made under this appropriation.
New Primary School-house, Webster ave.,	April 26, 1898..	50,000 00	50,000 00	Contracts for this building recently executed.
New Primary School-house, Baker street,	April 26, 1898..	30,000 00	30,000 00	Contracts for this building recently executed.
New Primary School-house, Forest Hills..	April 26, 1898.. Sept. 27, 1898..	30,000 00 2,500 00	32,500 00	Contracts for this building recently executed.
New school-house, Forest Hills, site.....	April 28, 1896..	9,000 00	9,000 00	
New Primary School-house, Warren District	April 26, 1898..	50,000 00	50,000 00	No contract made under this appropriation. p 231
New Primary School-house, Munroe street,	April 26, 1898..	50,000 00	50,000 00	Contracts for this building not yet awarded.
New Primary School-house, Thomas N. Hart District.....	April 26, 1898..	50,000 00	50,000 00	Contracts for this building recently executed.

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Object.	Date of Appropriation.	Amount of Appropriation.	Total Appropriation.	Remarks.
Bowditch School-house, addition	Aug. 19, 1898	$13,000 00	$13,000 00	Work on this building is unfinished.
West Roxbury High School-house, addition	Dec. 14, 1897	150,000 00	150,000 00	Work on this building is unfinished.
Dorchester High School-house	Dec. 14, 1897	42,000 00	42,000 00	Contract for this building recently executed.
Site for new Dorchester High School-house	Nov. 26, 1895 June 18, 1896	24,000 00 12,000 00	36,000 00	Unexpended balance of $11,982.00 transferred; $6,000.00 to new Grammar school-house, Harris District, and $5,982.00 to Blackinton School lot, grading. An appropriation of $12,000.00 made by the City Council also expended for this purpose.
East Boston High School-house	July 19, 1898	200,000 00	200,000 00	Contract for this building recently executed.
East Boston High School-house, site	Dec. 14, 1897 April 12, 1898	58,000 00 5,180 27	63,180 27	
South Boston High School-house	Aug. 19, 1898	44,819 73	44,819 73	Contract for this building recently executed.
South Boston High School-house, site	Oct. 22, 1895	50,000 00	50,000 00	Unexpended balance available for transfer, $26,106.14.

Total amounts allowed under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, and chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897.....		$2,300,000 00
Total amount appropriated.....	$2,292,911 05	
Balance unappropriated.....	7,088 95	
		$2,300,000 00

Under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895 the damages sustained by any person by reason of the taking of lands for school purposes are determined by agreement between said person and the Board of Street Commissioners; and if they cannot agree, said board or person may, within one year after the date of the taking, have the damages determined by a jury. It is not within the province of the School Committee, therefore, to make any agreement with regard to the prices to be paid for land taken or purchased for school purposes, that power resting entirely in the Board of Street Commissioners. In a number of instances, however, before the passage of an order by the School Committee requesting the Board of Street Commissioners to take a parcel of land, written or oral options had been secured from the owners at certain prices, and these prices were, in every case but one, the prices which were subsequently agreed to by the owners and the Board of Street Commissioners. Such estates are designated by a * in the table which follows. This table does not show in a number of instances the excess in the price paid over the assessed value of certain lots, for the reason that only a portion of a parcel assessed for a certain amount has been taken, and there is no way of determining the assessed value of that particular portion apart from the remainder of the property.

School.	Location.	Title obtained by	Assessed Valuation.	Price Paid.	Excess of Cost over Assessed Valuation.	Remarks.
Aberdeen District, Primary	Chestnut Hill avenue and Chiswick road.	Taking	72,600 ft., taxed $29,000 [40c.]; 25,000 ft. taken on corner	*$13,750 00	.....	This site was paid for from an appropriation made by City Council.
Bigelow	West Fourth, E and Silver streets	"	$15,200	*20,000 00	$4,800 00	
Washington Allston	Cambridge street	"	12,400	*21,000 00	.....	Includes "Allston Club house."
Edward Everett	Willis and Bakersfield streets	Deed of gift	.....	1 00		
Roger Clap	Harvest street	Taking	26,628 ft., taxed $8,000 [30c.]; 21,548 ft. taken	*9,477 50	.....	This price includes taxes for 1895, amounting to $58.00.
Cudworth	Paris street, East Boston	"	10,000 ft. and buildings, taxed $4,500; 5,000 ft. and buildings taken	6,500 00		
William H. Kent	Pine and Vine streets.	"	B. F. Brown, mortgagee, $2,000. Jeremiah Minehan 2,900. Catherine Field 3,000. Person unknown (passage w'y)	Unsettled. $6,800 00 Unsettled. "		
Hancock	Salter place	"	3,550 ft. and buildings, taxed $18,400; 379 ft. and one small building taken	$3,000 00		

School.	Location.	Title obtained by	Assessed Valuation.	Price Paid.	Excess of Cost over Assessed Valuation.	Remarks.
Longfellow	South, Walter and Hewlett streets	Taking	1 parcel, $3,200 1 parcel, 1,800	*$4,700 00 ** 3,588 10	$1,500 00 1,788 10	** Settlement authorized by Board of Street Commissioners, under advice of Law Department, for $3,101.35 and interest to March 25, 1898, amounting to $460.03.
Dorchester High	Centre and Lithgow streets and Talbot avenue	"	185,000 ft., taxed for $26,000 [about 14c.]; 60,000 ft. front land taken	*36,000 00		
Paul Revere	18 Bennet avenue	"	$1,500 00	Unsettled.		
	4-12 Bennet avenue 51-53 Prince street 2,3,4, Murray place 57 Prince street	"	23,700 00	$75,017 41		Settlement authorized by Board of Street Commissioners under advice of Law Department. Price paid includes $17.41 costs.
	59-61 Prince street	"	14,400 00	Unsettled.		
	65 Prince street	"	16,000 00	"		
	67 Prince street	"	5,000 00	12,500 00	7,500 00	
Mayhew	11 Allen street	"	9,700 00 (Parts only of these estates taken.)	7,000 00		
	9 Allen street	"	9,700 00	5,000 00		
	7 Allen street	"	9,600 00	6,500 00		
	5 Allen street	"	9,600 00	7,000 00		
	3 Allen street	"	9,600 00	7,000 00		
	1 Allen street	"	10,900 00	7,800 00		

School.	Location.	Title obtained by	Assessed Valuation.	Price Paid.	Excess of cost over Assessed Valuation.	Remarks.
Mayhew (*continued*)...	88 Chambers street ..	Taking...	$8,400 00	$17,000 00	$8,600 00	
	90 Chambers street ..	" ...	5,800 00	12,000 00	6,400 00	
	94-98 Chambers street.	" ..	5,500 00	11,570 95	6,070 95	
	2 Poplar street	" ...	5,100 00	9,850 00	4,750 00	
	8 Poplar street	" ...	4,400 00	7,556 76	3,156 76	
	Passageway, owner unknown	" ...				
	10 Poplar street	" ...	6,400 00	11,447 33	4,847 33	
	12 Poplar street	" ...	6,100 00	10,500 00	4,400 00	
	14 Poplar street.....	" ...	6,000 00	Unsettled.		
	Easement in 14 Poplar street.....	" ...		3,000 00		
Unnamed	Paul Gore street.....	" ...	6,100 00	*11,810 88	5,710 88	
Sharp	Anderson street.....	" ...	1,336 ft., taxed at $3,800 [$2.75]; 276 ft. taken.....	1,900 00		
William Wirt Warren.	Mackin street.....	" ...	36,450 ft., taxed $4,900 [13½c.]; 9,137 ft. taken	Unsettled.		
Washington Allston...	Cambridge street....	" ...	12,823 ft., taxed $3,200 [25c.]; 4,169 ft. taken.....	"		
Forest Hills Primary.	Walk Hill street.....	" ...	498,589 ft., taxed $29,900 [6c.]; 30,000 ft. taken.....	*9,000 00		
Gilbert Stuart..... ...	Dorchester avenue...	" ...	12,179 ft., taxed $4,900 [40c.]; 1,146 ft. taken	Unsettled.		

School.	Location.	Title obtained by	Assessed Valuation.	Price Paid.	Excess of cost over Assessed Valuation.	Remarks.
Unnamed.....	Elm street, Charlestown	Purchase.	23 Elm street, $4,900.....	$10,291 40	.....	Supreme Court decided that city was bound by its agreement to purchase this estate for $9,500; price paid includes interest and costs.
Dillaway.....	Kenilworth and Washington streets.	Taking....	10,164 ft. and buildings, taxed $19,500; 1,604 ft. and a small building taken.....	Unsettled.		
Old Gibson.....	.....	" ...	$2,900 00	$5,510 08	.....	Settlement authorized by Board of Street Commissioners, under advice of Law Department; price paid includes $10.08 costs.
East Boston High.....	55-63 Princeton street 1-5 Hunnewall place. 78-80 Saratoga street.	" ...	30,200 00	*33,392 60	$3,192 60	Price paid includes taxes for 1897, amounting to $392.60, and $1,500 for cancellation of lease of premises No. 80 Saratoga street.
	72-74 " "	" ...	5,500 00	*7,071 50	1,571 50	Price paid includes taxes for 1897, amounting to $71.50.
	76 " "	" ...	2,800 00	*3,500 00	700 00	
	70 " "	" ...	5,000 00	7,165 00	2,165 00	Price paid includes taxes for 1897, amounting to $65.00.
	Princeton street and Louisiana place....	....	10,000 ft. and buildings, taxed $15,400; 5,000 ft. and buildings taken.....	*12,000 00		

School.	Location.	Title obtained by	Assessed Valuation.	Price Paid.	Excess of cost over Assessed Valuation.	Remarks.
George Putnam.....	School street.....	Taking...	$6,500 00	*$9,584 50	$3,084 50	Price paid includes taxes for 1897, amounting to $84.50. In this case the settlement agreed to by the Board of Street Commissioners was $1,415.50 less than the price named to the School Committee.
Unnamed	Quincy and Perth streets and Phipps avenue	Purchase.	8,097 00	*16,841 76	8,744 76	Appropriation to cover cost of this site and payment therefor, recommended by Committee on New Buildings, but not yet finally acted upon by School Committee.
South Boston High ...	Thomas Park.....	Taking...	City property; 79,646 ft. taken..	*23,893 86		
Charlestown High	Monument square ...	" ...	3,300 ft. taxed $4,100; 3,255 ft. taken...	Unsettled.		
Unnamed	Munroe street..... .	" ...	30,018 ft. taxed $15,000 [50c.] 5,868 ft. taken.....	"		

The foregoing statement shows that in some cases the prices paid were largely in excess of the assessed valuations, and your committee are therefore requested to state the reasons why, in their judgment, such excess has been paid. Inasmuch as the prices paid for estates taken at the request of the School Committee are determined by agreement between the former owners and the Board of Street Commissioners, your committee cannot, of course, give the reasons which governed the action of that Board in agreeing to the prices paid. Your committee believe, however, that in a number of instances the assessments were considerably below the real value of the property taken, and that in other instances due weight was properly given to the fact that certain estates taken in congested sections of the city had returned a surprisingly large income to their former owners.

Taking these facts into consideration, your committee are of the opinion that in those cases where the School Committee had obtained options before requesting the taking of the parcels desired, the prices thereby tacitly established were not unreasonably high, and the settlements made were fair to the city as well as to the owners. It should be stated that in one instance the Board of Street Commissioners were able to arrive at a settlement for an amount considerably less than had been named to the School Committee. It should also be remembered that when it is deemed necessary to enlarge an existing site, the Committee is not free to make a selection within a liberal radius, but is obliged to take property that actually adjoins the lot in question, and its choice is thereby frequently limited to two alternatives, and more often it is found that for various reasons one particular lot, or none at all, must be taken. * [The principle is well recognized that the owner of an estate taken against his will is entitled to something more than the actual value of his property, but it is not always easy to determine just what that amount should be.]

Whether any additional legislation would enable the School Committee better and more economically to obtain proper lots and erect thereon proper buildings for school-house purposes, is an important question. The School Committee has been subjected to considerable adverse criticism on account of alleged exorbitant prices paid for sites, more especially with regard to one particular lot, which has been wholly undeserved. If the committee is to be held responsible in the public mind for the prices paid for lands taken or purchased for school purposes, it should have a voice in the determination of these prices, more particularly as it makes the appropriations to cover the amounts the Board of Street Commissioners agrees to pay. This object might be attained by requiring the School Committee to approve the settlements agreed upon by the Board of Street Commissioners for lands taken or purchased, and if this approval be withheld, obliging the owners to seek their remedy in court. It seems to your committee that this plan would enable the School Committee to benefit by any favorable terms the Board of Street Commissioners might be able to make, while it would effectually protect the body making the appropriations from being obliged to furnish what it might consider an excessive amount for a particular lot, on account of the action of an

* Report amended by striking out sentence included in brackets.

independent board whose funds are in no way affected by the sum it agrees to pay.

The School Committee formerly labored under a serious disadvantage with regard to the cost of sites acquired under the provisions of chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, inasmuch as the Board of Street Commissioners was required to take such lands for school purposes as the School Committee, with the approval of the Mayor, designated; and the owners of such estates were naturally inclined to exact the highest possible price obtainable.

To enable the city to obtain lots at more reasonable prices chapter 202 of the Acts of 1897 was passed, which provides that

"The school committee of the city of Boston before selecting a site for a public school shall give notice, by advertisement in at least three daily newspapers published in said city, that sealed proposals to sell to the city land for such site within or near the school district designated in the notice will be received at the office of the secretary of the committee until twelve o'clock, noon, on the fourteenth day after the date of such notice, and will then be publicly opened and read, and that a public hearing will be given by the whole school committee or a sub-committee thereof, at a place and time designated in the notice, which time shall be not less than three weeks subsequent to the date of such notice, at which such proposals and the suitableness of the lands offered will be considered, and after such hearing the school committee may select and designate such lands for such site as they shall deem best adapted therefor, and as the mayor shall approve."

This provision for competition between real estate owners who may desire to sell land to the city, your committee believe to be eminently wise, and well calculated to promote the securing of school-house sites at reasonable prices.

Longer experience in the planning and erection of school-houses will undoubtedly result in better and more improved buildings, and in increased economy in the cost of their construction. It is impossible to erect school-houses in Boston in compliance with the stringent building requirements in force here for the cost that obtains in neighboring cities and towns, and the modern school-house with its expensive and, in many cases, complicated heating and ventilating apparatus, and the many conveniences that are now regarded as essential to the health and comfort of teachers and pupils, is very different from the building of twenty years ago which was regarded by the School Committee of that time with pride and satisfaction.

Your committee desire, however, to embrace this opportunity to call attention to the need of further legislation in order that the construction of additional Grammar and Primary School-houses to provide for our constantly increasing school population may not cease, and submit the following table, which shows very concisely what has been accomplished in this direction during the past four years. The passage of chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898 has enabled the School Committee to undertake the construction of new High School buildings in South Boston, East Boston and Dorchester, and of additions to the West Roxbury and Mechanic Arts High School-houses, but no funds are available after the present year for new Grammar and Primary accommodations, and the construction of such buildings must cease unless additional sums are provided from some source.

Grammar Buildings.	Primary Buildings.	Temporary Buildings.	Number of Rooms.	REMARKS.
–	1	–	4	Phineas Bates School-house, completed and occupied.
1	–	–	3.....	Allston Club-house purchased. Annex to Washington Allston School.
1	–	–	13 and hall ..	Mary Hemenway School-house, completed and occupied.
1	–	–	10 and hall ..	Longfellow School-house, completed and occupied.
1	–	–	10 and hall ..	Roger Clap School-house, completed and occupied.
–	1	–	2.....	*Aberdeen District School-house, completed and occupied.
–	1	–	8.....	Benjamin Cushing School-house, completed and occupied.
–	1	–	10.....	Vernon and Auburn-street School-house, completed and occupied.
–	1	–	14.....	Mayhew School-house, completed and occupied.
–	1	–	18.....	Paul Revere School-house, completed.
–	1	–	4.....	Baker-street School-house, recently placed under contract.
–	1	–	4.....	Forest Hills School-house, recently placed under contract.
–	1	–	8.....	Thomas N. Hart District School-house, recently placed under contract.
–	1	–	8.....	Webster-avenue School-house, recently placed under contract.
–	1	–	8.....	Munroe-street School-house, about to be placed under contract.
–	–	14	23.....	Located in different sections of the city.
–	1	–	4.....	Thetford-street School-house, addition.
4	12	14	151 and 3 halls.	

* Cost met from appropriation made by City Council.

In addition, the sum of $10,000 has been expended on alterations of the Rice School-house, nearly the same amount on the Lewis School-house, and an addition of two rooms to the Bowditch School-house is now approaching completion. Plans and specifications are also in course of preparation for a new Grammar School-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, to contain fifteen rooms and a hall, which will soon be presented for the approval of the Board.

Notwithstanding this considerable addition to the school plant, the need of further accommodations is still urgent and indeed imperative. The rent paid this year for hired rooms and buildings will approximate $30,000 or 4 per cent. on $750,000. The average annual increase in the number of pupils belonging to the public schools for the three years 1895–98 is 2,484, and if the average amount that was spent for new school-houses for each additional pupil during the years 1890–97 should be spent for the accommodation of an addition to the school population of that average number for the next five years, the annual expenditure for the purpose would exceed $650,000. Inasmuch as a considerable number of these pupils will attend the High Schools, the amount mentioned is probably greater than would actually be required under an economical administration, especially as $850,000 will be available during the next three years for new High School-houses. Taking these facts into consideration, your committee believe that the sum of $500,000 should be expended annually during the ensuing five years in accordance with the provisions of chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895 for additional Grammar and Primary school accommodations. Your committee recommend that the School Committee petition for such legislation as will carry into effect the recommendations contained in this report.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the report was amended by striking out the sentence enclosed in brackets, on page 546.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the report as amended was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, it was

Approval of plans and specifications for Grammar School-house, Quincy and Perth streets.

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for a Grammar School-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, prepared by A. Warren Gould, architect, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said A. Warren Gould is hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications, and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications.

Accompanying the plans and specifications was the written approval of the Superintendent, as follows:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, NOV. 8, 1898.

To the Committee on New Buildings:

SIRS: I have examined with care the plans and specifications for the proposed new Grammar School-house on Quincy and Perth streets, in the Dorchester District; said plans having been made, and said specifications having been prepared by A. Warren Gould, architect, at 2A Beacon street, Boston. These plans consist of fourteen (14) blue prints of drawings. They and the specifications are hereby approved by me.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Addition to contract for heating addition to Bowditch School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of The Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company, for changes in, and extension of, the present heating system in the Bowditch School building, in the sum of $285, for providing additional heating facilities for the library and master's office.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Execution of contract for heating and ventilating Webster-avenue Primary School-house. [See p. 510.]

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with The Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company, in the sum of $2,982, for installing a heating and ventilating system in the Webster-avenue Primary School-house.

Laid over, under the rule.

Death of Martha E. Morse.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, reported the death of Martha E. Morse, late assistant, Grammar School, Shurtleff District.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Hygiene and

Mrs. Ames, for the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, reported that in their opinion the position

of Director of Physical Training ought to be filled, but owing to the need of economy in our school administration on account of lack of funds, they find it necessary to neglect, to that extent, the work of physical training in our schools, and therefore recommend that it is inexpedient to fill said vacancy this year.

Physical Training; appointment of Director of Physical Training.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, the report was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent be requested to consider and report upon the possibility of a more harmonious connection between the work of the Kindergartens and the Primary Schools.

Connection between work of Kindergarten and Primary Schools.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent be requested to consider and report upon a more general extension in the Grammar and Primary Schools of provisions enabling the brighter children to complete the course in less than the regular number of years.

Completion of Grammar School course in less than regular number of years.

On motion of Mr. Allen, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That the order passed by the Board — Sept. 27 — that a special teacher of phonography and typewriting be allowed in the Roxbury High School, be, and the same hereby is, rescinded.

Order authorizing teacher of phonography and typewriting, Roxbury High School, rescinded. [See p. 474.]

Mr. Allen, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That an additional assistant be allowed in the Roxbury High School.

Additional assistant, Roxbury High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was recommitted — Oct. 25 — an order that the Rules be amended so as to provide that the Committee on School Houses shall not make or authorize any contract, except as provided in paragraph 3 of section 37, for a sum exceeding $300 until it has

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of Rules; Board to approve contracts involving expenditure of money exceeding $300. [See pp. 501, 502.]

been approved by the Board, reported that your committee have carefully considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows:

SECTION 37, paragraph 2. Strike out the amount "$50" in the third line, and insert in place thereof the amount "$500," so that the paragraph will read as follows:

2. Shall not make or authorize any contract, except as provided in the following paragraph, for a sum exceeding $500 until it has been approved by the Board.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of Rules; orders involving expenditure of money, to lie on table. [See p. 516.]

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 25 — an order that the Rules be amended by striking out Sect. 28 of Chapter II., reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend that it is inadvisable to make the proposed change.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of Regulations; examination of candidates for certificates, High School, Class A. [See p. 514.]

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 25 — an order that the Board of Supervisors be authorized to admit to the High School, Class A examinations, members of senior classes in colleges who would be eligible for such examination on the completion of their college course, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 126. Add the following to the section as a separate paragraph:

The Board of Supervisors may admit to the High School, Class A examinations, members of senior classes in colleges who are otherwise eligible, either by having had a year's experience in teaching, or by being a

graduate of a State Normal School, or by having substantially completed a satisfactory course in pedagogy, provided that no certificate of qualification shall be actually issued to such person until he or she shall have received the degree required under this section.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; bathing facilities for public school children. [See pp. 502, 503.]

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 25 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor, notifying the School Committee that the permanent bath-house on Dover street was opened for the free use of the public on Oct. 15, and suggesting the desirability of requesting the teachers in the public schools within a reasonable distance of this location to encourage its regular use by such of their pupils as are not provided with good bathing facilities at home, and also calling attention to other public bathing facilities which are already provided or are about to be furnished, in other sections of the city, reported that they have given the matter consideration, and in their judgment it is advisable that the children of the public schools in the vicinity of these accommodations should be informed of the existence of such facilities, and they therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Superintendent be requested to cause the principals of schools in the vicinity of the Dover street bath-house, and the public gymnasium on Paris street, East Boston, to give notice to their pupils of the existence of these public bathing facilities, in order that full advantage thereof may be enjoyed by the children in such schools.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; exhibition of pictures in Latin-English High School Building. [See p. 513.]

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 25 — an order that the Helman-Taylor Company, Cleveland, Ohio, be permitted to give an exhibition of their collection of pictures suitable for schoolroom decoration in either hall of the Latin-English High

School Building, providing that the same be without expense to the city, that it be free to the public, and that no sales be made from the collection, reported that your committee are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to permit such use of school premises. They therefore recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of Rules; School Faculty. [See p. 241.]

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted — April 26 — Chapter X. of the revised Rules, relating to the proposed School Faculty, reported that they have given the matter attention, and now recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows:

Insert the following chapter:

CHAPTER X.

THE SCHOOL FACULTY.

SECT. 112. There shall be a School Faculty consisting of the Superintendent as President; of the Supervisors; of the Directors; of the Principal of the Normal School; of two members chosen by the Principals of the Latin and High Schools from among their own number; of two members chosen by the subordinate teachers in the Latin and High Schools from among their own number; of nine members chosen by the Principals of Grammar Schools from among their own number; and of nine members chosen by the subordinate teachers in the school districts from among their own number. The elected members shall serve for one calendar year, and shall be chosen at a meeting held in December of the previous year. The method and time of election for the year 1898 shall be determined by the Committee on Rules and Regulations and thereafter by the Faculty itself, which shall also have the power to decide contested elections. The Faculty shall be organized by the election from among its members of a Vice-President, who shall preside in the absence of the President, and of a Secretary who shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Faculty, and who shall be paid for this service by the Board.

SECT. 113. All changes in the courses of instruction and in methods of discipline shall be submitted to, and reported upon, by the Faculty before being acted upon by the Board unless the Board otherwise orders.

SECT. 114. The Faculty shall consider and report upon all matters referred to it by the Board, may discuss all questions relating to the welfare of the schools, and shall have the right to make recommendations, or present petitions or remonstrances to the Board.

SECT. 115. The Faculty shall meet once a month, at such regular time and place out of school hours as it may determine. It shall also meet at any other time at the call of the Superintendent, or on the written request of any seven of its members. Meetings of the Faculty shall not be open to the public, but any member of the Board may attend and shall have the right to be heard on any questions referred to the Faculty by the School Board.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the report and order were laid on the table.

Report of Committee on Evening Schools; use of various school-houses for evening lectures to the public. [See pp. 503, 504.]

Mr. Paul, for the Committee on Evening Schools, to whom was referred — Oct. 25 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor with reference to the establishment of free courses of lectures in the evening, in the various school-houses, reported that in their opinion the finances of the School Committee do not warrant the undertaking of this work under the supervision of this Board at the present time. If sufficient funds to start the experiment can be procured from some outside source this committee have no objection to the use of school buildings for the purpose, where such use will not interfere with the regular work of the public schools. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Schools and the Chairman of the Evening School Committee be authorized to make such arrangements with His Honor the Mayor as they may see fit, for the use of school buildings for free evening public lectures, provided that no expense is thereby incurred by the School Committee.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the report and order were referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Paul offered the following:

Amendment of Rules; appointment and compensation of janitors.

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows:

Chapter III., Section 37. Strike out paragraphs 4 and 5 of said section.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Paul offered the following:

Amendment of Rules; appointment and compensation of janitors.

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows:

Chapter III., Section 35. Add the following to the section:

7. Shall appoint and discharge the janitors of the several school-houses, fix their compensation, and make such regulations as they deem necessary for their government.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, it was

Dressing-room to be provided in Harvard Grammar School.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses provide, as soon as possible, a dressing-room for one of the rooms in the Harvard Grammar School, which is now unprovided with one.

Appointment of Committee to take charge of exhibition of work of Boston public schools, at Paris Exposition. [See p. 515.]

In accordance with the order passed—Oct. 25—that a special committee of three be appointed by the Chair to take charge of all matters relating to the exhibition of the work of the public schools of this city, at the Paris Exposition, during the year 1900, the Chair announced the following committee:

Mr. McDonald, Mrs. Ames and Mr. Allen.

Approved.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, the following order was taken from the table:

Payment to Timothy Johnson. [See pp. 424, 431.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Timothy Johnson the sum of forty-two dollars ($42) for services rendered as janitor of Curtis Hall.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, the order was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, the following order was taken from the table:

Payment to Thomas J. Gill. [See pp. 424, 432.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Thomas J. Gill, janitor of the Hugh O'Brien School-house, the sum of fifty dollars ($50) for extra services performed during the school year 1897–98.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, the order was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Bassett offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the substitute for the Instructor of Military Drill, absent without pay, be fixed at the rate of ten dollars ($10) per day for each day of actual service.

Salary of substitute, Instructor Military Drill.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, reported that, at the meeting of Sept. 27, George E. Murphy was appointed assistant, Grammar School, in the Hugh O'Brien District, on the minimum salary of his rank. Mr. Murphy, by reason of previous service, was entitled to one year's credit, and your committee now recommend the passage of the following order to remedy the error:

Report Committee on Salaries; salary of George E. Murphy. [See p. 462.]

Ordered, That George E. Murphy, assistant, Grammar School, in the Hugh O'Brien District, be placed on the second year of service in his rank, to date from Sept. 6, 1898.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the old Gibson School Annex be fixed at the rate of one hundred eighty dollars ($180) per annum, from Oct. 10, 1898, until otherwise ordered.

Salary of janitor of old Gibson School Annex.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 25 — an order that the salary of the special instructor of phonography and bookkeeping in the East Boston High School be fixed at the rate of twelve hundred dollars ($1,200) per annum, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary, special instructor phonography and bookkeeping. [See p. 516.]

Ordered, That the salary of the special instructor of phonography in the East Boston High School be fixed at the rate of twelve hundred dollars ($1,200) per annum, to date from Sept. 28, 1898.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, it was

Special class to be formed in Franklin School Building.

Ordered, That as an experiment, a special class be formed and carried on under the direction of the Superintendent, in a vacant room in the Franklin School building, or other suitable room.

Mr. Bassett offered the following:

Salary of teacher of special class to be formed in Franklin School Building.

Ordered, That the salary of the teacher of the special class in the Franklin School be fixed at the rate of eight hundred dollars ($800) per annum.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Special assignment. [See pp. 309, 513.]

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the special assignment, being the order relative to the discontinuance of the Boston Normal School, was taken up. (See Minutes, pp. 309, 513.)

Mr. Courtney moved the passage of the order, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Lowell moved that the order be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to lay on the table.

Mr. Lowell's motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Bateman, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Davison, Fleischer, Gallivan, Hubbard, Lowell and Paúl — 13.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Bowdlear, Courtney, Eaton, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Nichols, Strange — 10.

Absent. — Mrs. Fifield.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, the following order was taken from the table:

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to nominate, as soon as possible, a Director of Physical Training, as provided by the Rules and Regulations.

Nomination of Director of Physical Training. [See p. 47.]

Mr. Bateman moved the passage of the order.

Lost.

On the request of the Superintendent, the Board went into executive session.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the doors were opened.

Mr. Strange moved that the whole matter of filling the vacancy caused by the death of Hosea E. Holt, late instructor of music, be referred to a committee of five, to be appointed by the Chair.

Filling of vacancy caused by death of Hosea E. Holt.

Lost.

Mr. Paul moved that it is the sense of this Board that the vacancy caused by the death of the late instructor of music, Hosea E. Holt, be not filled.

Passed unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Nov. 22, 1898.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

Present: All the members except Mr. Aldrich.

On motion of Mr. Nichols, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments, confirmations and transfer presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Employment of teachers in excess of number allowed by rules.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

The appointments, confirmations, and transfer presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting, were approved.

Appointments, confirmations, and transfer laid over, approved.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the old Gibson School Annex be fixed at the rate of one hundred eighty dollars ($180) per annum, from Oct. 10, 1898, until otherwise ordered.

Salary of janitor of old Gibson School annex. [See p. 557.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with The Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company, in the sum of $2,982 for installing a heating

Execution of contract for heating and ventilating Webster-avenue Primary School-house. [See p. 550.]

and ventilating system in the Webster-avenue Primary School-house.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, the order was recommitted to the Committee on New Buildings.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Regulations; candidates for certificates; High School, Class A. [See pp. 552, 553.]

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 126. Add the following to the section as a separate paragraph:

The Board of Supervisors may admit to the High School, Class A examinations, members of senior classes in colleges who are otherwise eligible, either by having had a year's experience in teaching, or by being a graduate of a State Normal School, or by having substantially completed a satisfactory course in pedagogy, provided that no certificate of qualification shall be actually issued to such person until he or she shall have received the degree required under this section.

Passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Rules; Board to approve contracts involving expenditure of money exceeding $500. [See p. 552.]

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows:

SECTION 37, paragraph 2. Strike out the amount "$50" in the third line, and insert in place thereof the amount "$500," so that the paragraph will read as follows:

2. Shall not make or authorize any contract, except as provided in the following paragraph, for a sum exceeding $500 until it has been approved by the Board.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule, at the last meeting, was read:

Addition to contract for heating addition to Bowditch School-house. [See p. 550.]

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of The Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company, for changes in,

and extension of, the present heating system in the Bowditch School building, in the sum of $285, for providing additional heating facilities for the library and master's office.

Passed.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Nov. 3, 1898.

Communication from City Council; Webb School-house transferred to control of School Committee.

Ordered, That the Webb School-house, East Boston, be transferred from the custody of the Street Commissioners to the care and control of the School Committee; the said building being needed for school purposes.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Nov. 14.

Concurred.

Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 16, 1898.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Nov. 21, 1898.

Communication from Board of Aldermen; discontinuance of Boston Normal School.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board it would be against the best interests of the public school system of this city to abolish the Boston Normal School.

Adopted.

J. M. GALVIN,
City Clerk.

A true copy.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN,
City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Nov. 14, 1898.

Communication from Board of Aldermen; contracts for East Boston High School-house.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to inform the Board of Aldermen the names of bidders for the erection of the East Boston High School, with the amount of bids, and the name of the bidder who received the contract.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of land for school purposes on Bailey street. [See p. 325.]

CITY OF BOSTON,
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, NOV. 21, 1898.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

In accordance with the request contained in your order of June 14, 1898, the Board of Street Commissioners have this day voted to purchase from Mary R. Cleaves, for school purposes, a lot of land on Bailey street, at Dorchester, containing about 12,000 square feet, for $9,250; Mrs. Cleaves' agreement to accept said sum having been approved by the Mayor.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of land for enlargement of lot of Girls' High School. [See pp. 492, 493.]

CITY OF BOSTON,
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, NOV. 16, 1898.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

In compliance with the request contained in your order of Oct. 11, 1898, the Board of Street Commissioners have this day taken, for school purposes, an addition to the Girls' High School lot — twenty-three hundred and sixty-six square feet, more or less, of land on Pembroke street, and their decree of taking has been this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Superintendent; communication from Children's Institutions Department; discontinuance of school in Marcella-street Home.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, NOV. 10, 1898.

Mr. Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary School Committee, Boston, Mass.:

DEAR SIR: The enclosed letter from the Trustees for Children appears to give formal notice of the discontinuance of the schools in the Marcella-street Home. It is perhaps proper that this communication should be laid before the School Board, partly as it relates to a vote of the School Board, whereby the schools in the Marcella-street Home were taken charge of by the School Committee about a year ago.

Very respectfully,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT,
TRUSTEES FOR CHILDREN, 32 TREMONT STREET,
BOSTON, NOV. 9, 1898.

Edwin P. Seaver, Esq., Superintendent of Schools, Boston, Mass.:

DEAR SIR: The Trustees for Children have engaged a house in West Roxbury, to take the place of the present Marcella-street Home. It is possible that we may move early next week. We therefore desire to send you notice that the teachers now in charge at the Marcella-street Home will not be needed after Friday.

Yours respectfully,
CHARLES P. PUTNAM.

Placed on file.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments and confirmations for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Dillaway District. — Sally Viles, from Nov. 1, 1898.

Dudley District. — Edith E. Knowlton from Nov. 7, 1898.

Lewis District. — Grace C. Boyden, from Nov. 1, 1898; Josephine P. Poole, from Oct. 24, 1898, to Oct. 31, 1898.

Lyman District. — Helen A. Crosbie, from Nov. 14, 1898; Mabelle E. Lounsbury, from Nov. 15, 1898; Sophie G. Thayer, from Nov. 16, 1898.

Tileston District. — Fannie B. Sanderson, from Nov. 17, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Temporary teachers.

Wells District. — Alice M. Hagerty, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 10, 1898.

Placed on file.

Reappointments of Temporary Teachers.

Christopher Gibson District. — Florence E. Marshall, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 12, 1898.

Everett District. — Blanche L. Bachelder, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 12, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

Dorchester High School. — Frederick G. Jackson, junior-master, from Dec. 6, 1898.

Lewis District. — Sara C. Linscott, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Dec. 1, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Dorchester High School. — Katherine K. Marlow, assistant.

Edward Everett District. — Sally T. Fletcher, assistant, Primary School.

Laid over, under the rule.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Teachers, Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools.

Evening High School. — Assistant, Everett C. Roché, from Oct. 18, 1898.

Eliot School. — Assistants, Helen DeS. Regan, from Nov. 1, 1898; Anna E. Neal, from Nov. 2, 1898; Katharine J. Burke, from Nov. 14, 1898.

Quincy School. — Assistant, Albert S. Briggs, from Nov. 14, 1898.

Rules suspended.

Approved, under a suspension of the rule.

EVENING DRAWING SCHOOLS.

Teachers, Evening Drawing Schools.

Assistants. — Edward R. Kingsbury, Herbert D. White, from Oct. 17, 1898.

Rules suspended.

Approved, under a suspension of the rule.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leaves of absence granted; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the

terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Girls' High School. — S. Annie Shorey, assistant, from Dec. 1, 1898, until April 1, 1899; Abby N. Arnold, substitute.

Dwight District. — Nellie L. Shaw, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 14, 1898, until March 14, 1899; Harlan P. Ford, substitute.

Norcross District. — Eleanor J. Cashman, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 1, 1898, until March 1, 1899; Mary E. Farrell, substitute.

Wells District. — Hattie A. Watson, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 8, 1898, until March 8, 1899; Mary L. Long, substitute.

Instructor of Military Drill. — Erasmus M. Weaver, from Dec. 1, 1898, until April 1, 1899, without pay.

Plummer Kindergarten. — Helen J. Morris, assistant, from Nov. 4, 1898, until Dec. 23, 1898; Clara G. Dennis, substitute.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, accompanied by written statements, of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto:

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Dudley District. — Edith E. Knowlton, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 6, 1898. Temporary teacher.

The employment of the teacher named was approved, under a suspension of the rule. Rules suspended.

The report of the Superintendent, of the teacher appointed to this position, was placed on file.

ON PROBATION.

West Roxbury High School. — Rebecca Kite, assistant, from Dec. 1, 1898. Teachers on probation.

Approved, under a suspension of the rule. Rules suspended.

Teacher of Special Class. — Elizabeth A. R. Daniels, from Nov. 11, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

Subsequently the Superintendent presented the following appointment:

Temporary Instructor of Military Drill.

Temporary Instructor of Military Drill. — Oliver Edwards, from Dec. 1, 1898, to April 1, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on School Houses; resignations of janitors.

Mr. Lowell, for the Committee on School Houses, reported the following resignations:

JANITORS.

Horace Mann School. — Josephine M. Tirrell, Oct. 31, 1898.

Quincy-street School (Mather District). — Mary Leary, Dec. 1, 1898.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; appointments of janitors.

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, reported for the approval of the Board, the following appointments:

JANITORS.

Horace Mann School. — Annie W. Gannon, from Nov. 1, 1898.

Noble School Annex. — George J. Merritt, from Sept. 6, 1898.

Quincy-street School (Mather District). — Carrie Sargeant, from Dec. 1, 1898.

Accepted, and the appointments approved.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, it was

Discontinuance of school in Marcella-street Home. [See pp. 564, 565.]

Ordered, That the public school established — Oct. 12, 1897 — in the Marcella-street Home be discontinued, from and after Nov. 11, 1898.

Report of Committe on School Houses; use of various

Mr. Lowell, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 8 — a report and order presented by the Committee on Evening Schools, relative to a communi-

cation from His Honor the Mayor with reference to the establishment of free courses of lectures in the evening, in the various school-houses, reported that your committee have given the subject careful consideration, and are of the opinion that the finances of the School Committee do not warrant the undertaking of this work under the supervision of this Board at the present time. If sufficient funds to start the experiment can be procured from some outside source, this committee have no objection to the use of school buildings for the purpose, where such use will not interfere with the regular work of the public schools.

school-houses for evening lectures to the public. [See pp. 503, 504, 555.]

Accepted.

Mr. Coolidge, for the same committee, reported that they have advertised for, and received proposals for furnishing the Paul Revere School-house, and they recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on School Houses; furnishing of Paul Revere School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with Heywood Brothers and Wakefield Company, in the sum of $2,635.87 for furnishing the Paul Revere School-house; said concern being the lowest bidder.

Mr. Lowell stated that he was a stockholder in the Heywood Brothers and Wakefield Company, was not present at the meeting of the Committee on School Houses when the matter of furnishing the Paul Revere School-house was considered, and desired to be excused from voting on the award of the contract.

The report was accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on New Buildings, to whom was referred — Sept. 27 — an order that extra Primary School accommodations be furnished the Gaston District reported that in their opinion a two-room temporary building should be placed in the yard of the Gaston School, but in view of the fact that the funds

Report of Committee on New Buildings; additional Primary School accommodations in Gaston District. [See p. 473.]

now available for the construction of new buildings will not warrant such an expenditure, they recommend that no further action be taken by the Board at the present time with regard to this matter.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Appropriation for grading lot of Morton-street School.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

Morton-street School-house lot, grading, $200.00.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Addition to contract for erection of Primary School-house at Forest Hills.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an addition to the contract of G. A. Cahill, for building the new Primary School-house at Forest Hills, in the net sum of $340, for fire-proofing staircase.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Addition to contract for erection of new Primary School-house, Thomas N. Hart District.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an addition to the contract of Walter S. Sampson & Son, for building the new Primary School-house, Thomas N. Hart District, in the sum of $475, for underpinning the stone retaining-wall between the yard of the present Grammar building and that of the new Primary building.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Purchase of land for enlargement

Ordered, That there be paid to Mary R. Cleaves, the sum of nine thousand two hundred fifty dollars

($9,250) as payment for a lot of land on Bailey street, Dorchester, containing about 12,000 square feet, purchased for school purposes, upon the said Cleaves giving to the city of Boston a deed for said estate satisfactory to the Law Department, the necessary amount for the purchase of said lot having been appropriated by the City Council.

of lot of Bailey-street School. [See pp. 325, 564.]

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, reported that under authority granted by the Board Oct. 25, they have advertised for, and received proposals for the construction of a new eight-room Primary School-house on Munroe street, Roxbury. The committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on New Buildings; execution of contracts for erection and plumbing, Munroe-street Primary School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute contracts in connection with the new Primary School-house on Munroe street, Roxbury, as follows:

Building, John McNamara & Sons, $44,973 00

Plumbing, Huey Bros. . . 2,527 00

the said firms being the lowest bidders.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted — Oct. 25 — an order relative to the Elm-street, Charlestown, school-house site, reported that they have carefully considered the matter, and they recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on New Buildings; Elm-street site, Charlestown. [See p. 511.]

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board, Oct. 27, 1896, that the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, a parcel of land on the southeasterly side of Elm street, bounded and described as follows, viz.: northwest by Elm street, there measuring ninety-four and $\frac{62}{100}$ feet; northeast by Lincoln place, one hundred

sixteen and $\frac{30}{100}$ feet; southeast by land now or late of Sarah J. White, land of Elias Abbott, and land of other owners, eighty-nine and $\frac{28}{100}$ feet; and southwest by Howard place, one hundred fourteen and $\frac{25}{100}$ feet; containing about 10,600 square feet, be, and the same hereby is, rescinded, and that the lands on Elm street, Charlestown, which have been acquired for said purpose be surrendered to the City Council as not being required for school use.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Paul moved that the order be laid on the table.

Lost.

Mr. Paul doubted the vote and, on his motion, the yeas and nays were ordered on the verification of the same.

Mr. Paul's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Burrill, Calderwood, Davison, Gallivan, Lowell and Paul — 6.

Nays: Mr. Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Bateman, Bowdlear, Coolidge, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Nichols and Strange — 17.

Absent: Mr. Aldrich.

Mr. Anderson moved that the order be recommitted to the Committee on New Buildings, with instructions to report a careful estimate of the cost of the proposed lot adjoining the Warren School, including the cost of a retaining-wall, if one be necessary; also the probable cost of taking that part of the Elm-street lot not already taken and paid for; also the probable cost of the Elm street lot extended through to Green street.

On motion of Mr. McDonald the yeas and nays were ordered on Mr. Anderson's motion to recommit.

Mr. Anderson's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Gallivan, Hubbard, Lowell and Paul — 8.

Nays: Mr. Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bassett, Bateman, Courtney, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Nichols and Strange — 14.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Aldrich and Bowdlear.

The order passed.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; new Primary School-house site, Charlestown. [See pp. 492, 517.]

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, to whom were recommitted — Oct. 25 — a report and order relative to the selection of a site for a new Primary School-house in Charlestown, reported that they have given this matter renewed consideration. They have again visited the various sites to which their attention has been called, and have consulted with citizens of the district who have manifested an interest in the selection of a site, with the master of the district, and with members of the Committee on the Second Division. Your committee still favor the selection of the lot adjoining the Warren School-house, and unanimously recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for a site for a new Primary School-house in Charlestown a parcel of land adjoining the Warren School-house lot and bounded and described as follows, viz.: northwesterly by Pearl street about one hundred four and $\frac{4}{100}$ feet; northeasterly by Bartlett street about one hundred sixty-four and $\frac{27}{100}$ feet; southeasterly by School street about one hundred four and $\frac{33}{100}$ feet; southwesterly by land of the city of Boston about sixty feet; again southeasterly by land of the city of Boston about eight feet; and again southwesterly by land of the city of Boston about eighty-eight feet, to the point of beginning; containing sixteen thousand four hundred twenty-nine square feet, more or less.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary due Kate F. Lyons.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, it was

Ordered, That the salary due Kate F. Lyons, deceased, late Primary assistant in the Dudley District, be paid to her sister, Annie G. Lyons.

Instruction in Spanish language in schools.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to consider and report on the expediency of teaching the Spanish language in the public schools.

Mr. Gallivan moved that the following order be taken from the table, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered:

Discontinuance of Boston Normal School. [See pp. 309, 513, 558.]

Ordered, That the orders passed by this Board — May 24 — that on and after the first day of September, 1899, the Boston Normal School be discontinued, and that the Secretary of the State Board of Education of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts be informed that it is the sense of this Board that a Normal School, in lieu of the Normal School now maintained by the city of Boston, should be established and maintained in this city, by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, be, and the same hereby are, rescinded.

Mr. Gallivan's motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Mr. Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bassett, Bateman, Burrill, Calderwood, Courtney, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell, McDonald, Nichols, and Strange — 17.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Coolidge, Davison, and Paul — 4.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Aldrich, Bowdlear and Fleischer.

Mr. Lowell moved to amend the order by adding the following words "and the Superintendent is hereby instructed to ascertain the possibility of extending the city Normal School so as to include some of the surrounding cities and towns."

On motion of Mr. Allen, the yeas and nays were ordered on Mr. Lowell's motion to amend.

Mr. Lowell's motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Bateman, Burrill, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Hubbard, Lowell and Paul — 12.

Nays: Messrs. Allen, Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Nichols and Strange — 7.

Pair: Mr. Calderwood (*yea*); Mr. Eaton (*nay*).

Absent or not voting. — Messrs. Aldrich, Bowdlear and Fleischer.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order as amended.

The order passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Mr. Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bassett, Courtney, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell, McDonald and Nichols — 12.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Burrill, Coolidge, Davison and Paul — 6.

Pair: Mr. Calderwood (*nay*); Mr. Eaton (*yea*).

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Aldrich, Bowdlear, Fleischer and Strange.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Temporary instructor, military drill.

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of a temporary instructor of military drill from Dec. 1, 1898, to April 1, 1899.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

School-house contracts to contain clause requiring contractors to pay not less than union scale of wages.

Ordered, That the Committees on School Houses and New Buildings be instructed to insert in all contracts for the erection of school buildings a clause requiring the contractor to pay all persons connected with the several trades employed upon the work, not less than the union scale of wages established in such trades.

Mr. Gallivan moved the yeas and nays on the passage of the order.

Mr. Lowell moved that the order be referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to refer the order to the Committee on New Buildings.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bassett, Burrill, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Hubbard, Lowell and Nichols — 11.

Nays: Messrs. Allen, Anderson, Bateman, Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Paul and Strange — 9.

Absent, or not voting: Messrs. Aldrich, Bowdlear, Calderwood and Fleischer.

Mr. Paul offered the following:

Amendment of Regulations; vacation, Evening Drawing School.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECT. 326. Add the following to the section:

The two weeks immediately preceding the first school day in January shall be vacation.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Paul, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Suspension of sessions of Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools on evening of Nov. 25, 1898.

Ordered, That the sessions of the Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools be suspended on Friday evening, Nov. 25, 1898, and that the salaries of the teachers in these schools be allowed and paid for said evening.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Normal School; petitions relative to discontinuance of Boston Normal School. [See pp. 327, 328.]

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on the Normal School, to whom was referred — June 14 — petitions from A. B. Heath, Elizabeth J. Woodward *et als.*, and from Anna E. Manning *et als.*, and — June 30 — petitions from Sarah W. Morse *et als.*, and Andrew F. Leatherbee *et als.*, requesting that a hearing be given them relative to the discontinuance of the Boston Normal

School, reported that inasmuch as the Board had already rescinded the orders passed — May 24 — with regard to the discontinuance of the Normal School, no further action is necessary on the petitions referred.

Accepted.

Mrs. Keller offered the following:

Ordered, That the afternoon session of the Aberdeen Primary School in the Bennett District, be dispensed with, and that the morning session continue from nine o'clock, A.M., to two o'clock, P.M.

Afternoon session of Aberdeen Primary School dispensed with.

Referred to the Superintendent.

Mrs. Keller for the Committee on the Eighth Division, presented written reports with regard to the several school districts under the charge of that committee, as required by the Rules.

Reports of Committee on Eighth Division; school accommodations in Eighth Division.

Referred to the Superintendent.

Mr. Bassett offered the following:

Ordered, That Edward R. Kingsbury, assistant in the Evening Drawing Schools, be placed upon the maximum salary of his rank, to date from Oct. 17, 1898.

Salary of Edward R. Kingbury.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Noble School Annex be fixed at the rate of one hundred eighty dollars ($180) per annum, to date from Sept. 6, 1898, until otherwise ordered.

Salary of janitor of Noble School Annex.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 8 — an order fixing the salary of the teacher of the special class in the Franklin School, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the appended order:

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of teacher of special class in Franklin School Building. [See p. 558.]

Ordered, That the salary of the teacher of the special class, authorized by the Board — Nov. 8 — be fixed at the rate of seven hundred ninety-two dollars ($792) per annum.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Thomas J. Gill. [See pp. 424, 432, 556.]

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 8 — an order that there be paid to Thomas J. Gill, janitor of the Hugh O'Brien School-house, the sum of fifty dollars for extra services performed during the school year 1897–98, reported that your committee have considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That there be paid to Thomas J. Gill, janitor of the Hugh O'Brien School-house, the sum of fifty dollars ($50) for extra services performed during the school year 1897–98.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Timothy Johnson. [See pp. 421, 431, 556.]

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 8 — an order that there be paid to Timothy Johnson the sum of forty-two dollars, for services rendered as janitor of Curtis Hall, reported that the matter has been taken under consideration, and your committee now recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That there be paid to Timothy Johnson the sum of forty-two dollars ($42) for services rendered as janitor of Curtis Hall.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following:

Leave of absence granted Harriet E. Lampee.

Ordered, That Harriet E. Lampee, assistant, Primary School, Eliot District, be granted leave of absence from Nov. 20, 1898, to March 20, 1899.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Dec. 13, 1898.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M.

Present: all the member except Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Calderwood, Huggan, and McDonald.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by Mr. Willard S. Allen, the senior member of the Board.

The Chair stated the first business of the Board would be to elect a President *pro tem.* Election of President *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Strange, the rule requiring the election of a President *pro tem.* by ballot was suspended, and Mr. Willard S. Allen was elected President *pro tem.* Rules suspended. Willard S. Allen elected President *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Strange, the records were amended on pages 501, 519 and 561 by adding to the first paragraph on each of said pages the words, "the President in the chair;" also on page 574 by inserting the words, "Mr. Strange moved the passage of the order," immediately before the amendment offered by Mr. Lowell with regard to the Normal School. Records amended.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed as amended.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments and confirmations presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting, with the exception of the appointment of Oliver Edwards, as temporary instructor of military drill, which appointment required approval by ballot. Appointments and confirmations laid over, approved.

Mr. Nichols offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank Employment of teachers in excess of number allowed by rules.

allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The appointments and confirmations presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting, with the exception of the appointment of the temporary instructor of military drill were approved.

Election of temporary instructor of military drill.

The Board proceeded to ballot for temporary instructor of military drill, from Dec. 1, 1898, to April 1, 1899.

The Chair appointed Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Burrill a committee to receive, sort and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 12; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 8.

There was one blank. Oliver Edwards had 11 votes, and was accordingly declared elected temporary instructor of military drill for the term specified.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Salary of teacher of special class. [See p. 577.]

Ordered, That the salary of the teacher of the special class, authorized by the Board — Nov. 8 — be fixed at the rate of seven hundred ninety-two dollars ($792) per annum.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Purchase of land for enlargement of lot of Bailey-street School. [See pp. 570, 571.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Mary R. Cleaves the sum of nine thousand two hundred fifty dollars ($9,250) as payment for a lot of land on Bailey street, Dorchester, containing about 12,000 square feet, purchased for school purposes, upon the said Cleaves giving to the city of Boston a deed for said estate satisfactory to the Law Department, the necessary amount for the purchase of said lot having been appropriated by the City Council.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an addition to the contract of Walter S. Sampson & Son, for building the new Primary School-house, Thomas N. Hart District, in the sum of $475, for underpinning the stone retaining-wall between the yard of the present Grammar building and that of the new Primary building.

Addition to contract for erection of new Primary School-house, Thomas N. Hart District. [See p. 570.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee, under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

Appropriation for grading lot of Morton-street School. [See p. 570.]

Morton-street School-house lot, grading, $200.00.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an addition to the contract of G. A. Cahill, for building the new Primary School-house at Forest Hills, in the net sum of $340.00, for fire-proofing staircase.

Addition to contract for erection of Primary School-house at Forest Hills. [See p. 570.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with Heywood Brothers and Wakefield Company, in the sum of $2,635.87 for furnishing the Paul Revere School-house; said concern being the lowest bidder.

Furnishing of Paul Revere School-house. [See p. 569.]

Passed.

The Superintendent presented the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations.

Tileston District. — Martha A. Baker, assistant, Grammar School, Dec. 31, 1898.

Evening High School. — Benjamin Tenney, headmaster, Dec. 16, 1898.

Accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, confirmations and transfers for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Special assistant.

Roxbury-street Kindergarten. — Blanche E. Thayer, from Dec. 14, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Normal School. — Gertrude R. Coffin, assistant, from Dec. 12, 1898.

Dearborn District. — Amanda C. Ellison, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 12, 1898.

Phillips District. — Mary E. Doyle, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 14, 1898, to Nov. 23, 1898, inclusive; Elizabeth M. Shine, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 28, 1898; Katharine J. Burke, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 1, 1898.

Tileston District. — Josephine Hammond, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 22, 1898.

Placed on file.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers on probation.

Prince District. — Nellie E. Boyd, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from Dec. 12, 1898.

Shurtleff District. — Margaret M. Ring, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 7, 1898.

Schools of Cookery. — Emily H. Hawes, instructor, from Dec. 1, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Brighton High School. — Lucy W. Warren, assistant.

Roxbury High School. — Florence E. Leadbetter, assistant.

West Roxbury High School. — Florence B. Kimball, assistant.

Everett District. — Bertha L. Mulloney, assistant, Grammar School.

Franklin District. — Elizabeth H. Marston, assistant, Primary School.

Hancock District. — Marion A. Dogherty, Mabel C. Higgins, Mary J. Ryan, assistants, Grammar School; Margaret Mais, Evelyn M. Pearce, assistants, Primary School.

Lowell District. — Emma L. McDonald, assistant, Primary School.

Prince District. — Laura A. Ells, assistant, Primary School.

Robert G. Shaw District. — William W. Howe, assistant, Grammar School.

Wells District. — Margaret A. Connell, assistant, Grammar School.

Kindergartens.

Agassiz School. — Helen B. Foster, assistant.

7 Byron Court. — Anita F. Weston, principal.

North Bennet-street School. — Mary I. Parker, assistant.

Stephen M. Weld School. — Mabel S. Eddy, principal.

Laid over, under the rule.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Martin District. — Edward P. Sherburne, master, to the same position in the Lowell District, to date from Jan. 2, 1899.

Mrs. Keller moved a suspension of the rules, to permit the approval of the foregoing transfer.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, the necessary number not voting therefor, and the transfer was laid over, under the rule.

Roxbury-street Kindergarten. — Kate F. Crosby, assistant, to the same position in the Vernon-street Kindergarten, to date from Dec. 14, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL.

Appointment of master of Martin District.

Martin District. — Augustine L. Rafter, master, from Jan. 2, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

EVENING SCHOOL.

Appointment of head-master, Evening High School.

Evening High School. — Head-master, Fred A. Fernald, from Jan. 2, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leaves of absence granted; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Bowdoin District. — Elizabeth R. Preston, first assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 1, 1898, until Jan. 1, 1899; Grace Hammond, substitute.

Eliot District. — Emma C. G. Keating, substitute for Harriett E. Lampee, assistant, Primary School, granted leave of absence.

Harvard District. — Olive J. Sawyer, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 1, 1898, until March 1, 1899; Josephine E. Clark, substitute.

Hyde District. — Silas C. Stone, master, from Dec. 6, 1898, until Jan. 2, 1899. Caroline K. Nickerson, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 1, 1898, until April 1, 1899; Frances M. Supple, substitute.

Quincy District. — Katherine L. Wilson, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 1, 1898, until April 1, 1899.

Shurtleff District. — Lillian M. Hall, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 12, 1898, until March 1, 1899; Mary L. Sullivan, substitute. Alice C. Ryan, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 12, 1898, until March 1, 1899; Elsie M. Paul, substitute.

Instructor of Sewing. — Sarah J. Bray, from Dec. 1, 1898, until Jan. 1, 1899; Frances Tully, substitute.

The Superintendent presented the following appointment and transfer, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the regulations pertaining thereto:

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Christopher Gibson District. — Isabel M. Horsford, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 26, 1898. Temporary teacher.

The employment of the teacher named was approved, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

The report of the Superintendent, of the teacher appointed to this position, was placed on file.

TRANSFER.

Lowell District. — Mary W. French, assistant, Grammar School, on probation, to the same position in the Bowdoin District, on probation, to date from Dec. 19, 1898. Transfer of a teacher.

Approved, under a suspension of the rule. Rules suspended.

Death of Daniel W. Jones.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, reported the death of Daniel W. Jones, late master of the Lowell District.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; execution of contract for erection of Grammar School-house, Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on New Buildings, reported that, under authority granted by the Board, Nov. 8, they have advertised for and received proposals for erecting a Grammar School-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, and they recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with James Fagan, in the sum of $81,670, for erecting a Grammar School-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester; said Fagan being the lowest bidder.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Appropriation for new Grammar School-house, Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester.

Ordered, That from the sums appropriated for purposes named out of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, and chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the sums specified be transferred to New Grammar School-house, Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester; the same being unexpended balances not required for the purposes for which they were originally appropriated:

High School, South Boston, site	$26,106 14
Quincy-street School-house, addition . .	55,149 74

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Surrender to City Council of buildings on Munroe-street Primary School-house lot.

Ordered, That the present buildings upon the Munroe-street, Roxbury, Primary School lot, together with that portion of said lot fronting on Comins terrace, and containing 1,250 square feet, purchased in 1892,

be surrendered to the City Council; the same being no longer required for permanent school purposes, with the recommendation that said land and buildings be sold, subject to temporary occupancy during the construction of a new school-house on Munroe street, and that the proceeds of such sale be applied to the cost of the new building.

Laid over, under the rule.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Eaton, the order was again taken up, and passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee, under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

Additional appropriation, Munroe-street School-house.

New Primary School-house, Munroe street, additional, $1,888.95.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 22 — a communication from the Board of Aldermen requesting the names of bidders for the erection of the East Boston High School, with the amount of bids, and the name of the bidder who received the contract, reported that the following proposals were received:

Report of Committee on New Buildings; contracts for East Boston High School-house. [See p. 563.]

W. H. Keyes & Co.	$259,943
Kerrens Driscoll	253,952
Connery & Wentworth	237,500
John S. Jacobs & Son	237,400
Norcross Bros.	237,263
James Fagan	229,389
Mead, Mason & Co.	226,950
James A. Colson	207,905

Subsequently, the specifications were somewhat modified, and the contract awarded to Mead, Mason & Co., for the sum of $203,006.

Mr. Bateman moved that the report be amended by inserting the words, "without readvertisement" immediately after the word "awarded" in the second last line of the report.

Lost, by a vote of 4 to 9.

Mr. Bateman moved that the report be amended by striking out all following the list of proposals received.

Lost.

Mr. Bateman moved that the order be laid on the table.

Lost.

The report was accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Board of Aldermen.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, it was

Acceptance of Paul Revere School-house.

Ordered, That the Paul Revere School-house, Prince street, be accepted by this Board, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; execution of contract for heating and ventilating Webster-avenue Primary School-house. [See pp. 561, 562.]

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted — Nov. 22 — an order authorizing the execution of a contract for heating and ventilating the Webster-avenue Primary School-house, reported that your committee have carefully considered the matter, and again recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with The Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company, in the sum of $2,982, for installing a heating and ventilating system in the Webster-avenue Primary School-house.

Mr. Lowell moved that the order be recommitted to the Committee on New Buildings, with instructions to readvertise the contract, in accordance with specifications to be prepared by the Committee.

The Chair stated the question was on the acceptance of the report.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the yeas and nays were ordered on his motion to recommit.

Mr. Lowell's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Burrill, Coolidge, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Gallivan, and Lowell. — 8.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Bassett, Bowdlear, Courtney, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Nichols, Paul, and Strange. — 11.

Absent or not voting. — Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Calderwood, Hubbard, Huggan, and McDonald.

Mr. Eaton moved a suspension of the rules, to permit the passage of the order.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, the necessary number not voting therefor, and the order was laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Execution of contract for heating and ventilating Munroe-street Primary School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with The Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company, in the sum of $3,989, for installing a heating and ventilating system in the Munroe-street Primary School-house; said concern being the lowest bidder.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Eaton, offered the following:

Additional assistant, Grammar School, Gaston District.

Ordered, That an additional assistant, Grammar School, be allowed in the Gaston District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, reported the following resignations:

JANITORS.

Report of Committee on School Houses; resignations of janitors.

Cushman School and Lewis Building. — Humphrey C. Mahoney, Dec. 31, 1898.

Stephen M. Weld School. — Henry P. Meyer, Dec. 31, 1898.

Accepted.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, reported for the approval of the Board, the following appointments:

JANITORS.

Report of Committee on School Houses; appointment of janitors.

Aberdeen District School. — Albert P. Young, from Jan. 1, 1899.

Cushman School. — John S. Keller, from Jan. 1, 1899.

Paul Revere School. — Humphrey C. Mahoney, from Jan. 1, 1899.

Stephen M. Weld School. — Henry P. Meyer, from Jan. 1, 1899.

Accepted, and the appointments approved.

On motion of Mr. Paul, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Surrender of Winthrop School to City Council.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings consider the advisability of surrendering the Winthrop School to the City Council, and consolidating the present districts in the Fourth Division so as to provide for one less district in that division.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; vacation, Evening Drawing Schools. [See p. 576.]

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Nov. 22 — an order that the Regulations be amended so as to provide that the Evening Drawing Schools shall have for vacation the two weeks immediately preceding the first school day in January, reported that your committee have given the subject consideration, and are in favor of the proposed amendment. They therefore recommend the passage of the appended order:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 326. Add the following to the section:

The two weeks immediately preceding the first school day in January shall be vacation.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the rules were suspended, the order read twice, and passed. Rules suspended.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following:

Ordered, That Gardner P. Balch, sub-master in the Eliot District, be placed upon the third year of service in his rank, to date from Sept. 6, 1898. Salary of Gardner P. Balch.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on the Third Division, reported the death of Sarah W. I. Copeland, late assistant, Grammar School, Phillips District. Death of Sarah W.I. Copeland.

Accepted.

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Nov. 8 — an order relative to the salary of the substitute for the instructor of military drill, absent without pay, reported that they have duly considered the matter, and as the Board has approved the appointment of a temporary instructor during the absence of E. M. Weaver, they recommend the passage of the following order: Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of temporary instructor of military drill. [See p. 557.]

Ordered, That the salary of the temporary instructor of military drill be fixed at the rate of eight dollars ($8) for each day of actual service, from Dec. 1, 1898, to April 1, 1899.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rule. Rules suspended.

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Aberdeen District Primary School be fixed at the rate of four hundred and eighty dollars ($480) per annum, from Jan. 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered. Salary of janitor of Aberdeen District Primary School.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 22 — an order relative to the salary of Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of

Edward R. Kingsbury. [See p. 577.]

Edward R. Kingsbury, assistant in the Evening Drawing Schools, reported that Mr. Kingsbury formerly served for four consecutive years in the Evening Drawing Schools, and has recently begun his second term of service, and as the Rules do not provide for the allowance of credit for previous service in his position, he has been placed on the minimum salary of four dollars per evening. Other instructors, who, under a second appointment, are now teaching as assistants in the Evening Drawing Schools, have, from the beginning of their present terms of service, received the maximum amount of pay, or six dollars per evening. Your committee believe that the same consideration should be shown Mr. Kingsbury, and accordingly recommend the passage of the appended order:

Ordered, That Edward R. Kingsbury, assistant in the Evening Drawing Schools, be placed upon the maximum salary of his rank, to date from Oct. 17, 1898.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, offered the following:

Extra compensation to Wallace C. Boyden.

Ordered, That there be paid to Wallace C. Boyden the sum of $37.50 per month, from Oct. 1, 1898, to Sept. 1, 1899, in addition to his regular salary as master of the Normal School, for extra services occasioned by the absence of the head-master.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mrs. Keller offered the following:

Permission granted aurist to examine pupils in Horace Mann School.

Ordered, That permission be granted Dr. Clarence J. Blake to examine the ears of all pupils in the Horace Mann School; said examination to be without expense either to the city or to the pupils and their friends.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mrs. Keller offered the following:

Exhibition of work of Evening Drawing Schools.

Ordered, That the operation of the provisions of Section 332 of the Regulations, so far as they require

the holding of a general exhibition of the work of the Evening Drawing Schools, be suspended, and that there be substituted this year, for such general exhibition, local exhibitions in each of the five Evening Drawing Schools, the dates thereof to be fixed by the Master of the Evening Drawing Schools.

On motion of Mr. Paul, the order was referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 27, 1898.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Mr. Anderson.

On motion of Mr. Burrill, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments, confirmations and transfers presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting, with the exception of the Principal of the Evening High School and the Principal of the Martin School, which appointments required approval by ballot.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Employment of teachers in excess of number allowed by rules.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

The appointments, confirmations and transfers presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting, with the exception of the appointment of the Principal of the Evening High School and the Principal of the Martin School, were approved.

Appointments, confirmations, and transfers laid over, approved.

On motion of Mr. Burrill, the Board proceeded to ballot for Principal of the Evening High School.

Election of Principal of Evening High School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Burrill, Courtney and Mrs. Keller a committee to receive, sort and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 21; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13.

Fred A. Fernald had 21 votes, and was accordingly declared elected Principal of the Evening High School, with the rank of head-master, from Jan. 2, 1899.

Election of Principal of Martin School.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, the Board proceeded to ballot for Principal of the Martin School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Hubbard, Nichols and Fleischer a committee to receive, sort and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 21; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13.

Augustine L. Rafter had 21 votes, and was accordingly declared elected Principal of the Martin School, with the rank of master, from Jan. 2, 1899.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Salary of janitor of Aberdeen District Primary School. [See p. 591.]

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Aberdeen District Primary School be fixed at the rate of four hundred and eighty dollars ($480) per annum, from Jan. 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Extra compensation to Wallace C. Boyden. [See p. 592.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Wallace C. Boyden the sum of $37.50 per month, from Oct. 1, 1898, to Sept. 1, 1899, in addition to his regular salary as master of the Normal School, for extra services occasioned by the absence of the head-master.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Execution of contract for heating and ventilating Munroe-street Primary School-house. [See p. 589.]

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with The Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company, in the sum of $3,989, for installing a heating and ventilating system in the Munroe-street Primary School-house; said concern being the lowest bidder.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with James Fagan, in the sum of $81,670, for erecting a Grammar School-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester; said Fagan being the lowest bidder.

Execution of contract for erection of Grammar School-house, Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester. [See p. 586.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with The Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company, in the sum of $2,982, for installing a heating and ventilating system in the Webster-avenue Primary School-house.

Execution of contract for heating and ventilating Webster-avenue Primary School-house. [See pp. 588, 589.]

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That from the sums appropriated for purposes named out of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, and chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the sums specified be transferred to New Grammar School-house, Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester; the same being unexpended balances not required for the purposes for which they were originally appropriated:

Appropriation for new Grammar School-house, Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester. [See p. 586.]

High School, South Boston, site . .	$26,106 14
Quincy-street School-house, addition . .	55,149 74

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee, under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as

Additional appropriation, Munroe-street School-house. [See p. 587.]

amended by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

New Primary School-house, Munroe street, additional, $1,888.95.

Passed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; use of school halls for local chamber concerts. [See pp. 605, 606.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
BOSTON, Dec. 27, 1898.

To the School Committee:

On behalf of the Music Commission, which would like the privilege of using school halls for the local chamber concerts which it has been giving in different parts of the city, I desire to request your body to give its permission for such use, upon the same conditions as those already arranged in respect to the use of school buildings for free public lectures.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Superintendent presented the following:

HONORABLE DISCHARGES.

Honorable discharges.

Lowell District. — *Marcella-street Home.* — Annie Dooley, Eleanor F. Somerby, assistants, Grammar School, Dec. 31, 1898.

Laid over, under the rule.

RESIGNATION.

Resignation.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Jane Parker, assistant, Grammar School, Dec. 31, 1898.

Accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, confirmations and transfer for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Mary M. Hoye, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 2, 1899. Temporary teachers.

Lyman District. — Sophie G. Thayer, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 12, 1898.

Placed on file.

Re-appointments of Temporary Teachers.

Girls' High School. — Mary H. Shed, assistant, from Jan. 16, 1899.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Albert W. Thayer, junior-master, from Jan. 9, 1899.

Christopher Gibson District. — Caroline W. Heckle, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 6, 1899.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Edwin I. Beal, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 9, 1899.

Lewis District. — Bertha E. Hilton, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 9, 1899.

Schools of Cookery. — Annie M. Eaton, instructor, from Jan. 9, 1899 ; Jeannie B. Kenrick, instructor, from Jan. 30, 1899.

Approved, under a suspension of the rule. Rules suspended.

ON PROBATION.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Clara B. Cutler, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Jan. 2, 1899. Teachers on probation.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Maude C. Tinkham, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 2, 1899.

Wells District. — Alice M. Hagerty, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 16, 1898.

Gaston District. — Agnes R. Leahy, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 14, 1898.

Tileston District. — Mary E. G. Collagan, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Jan. 2, 1899.

Approved, under a suspension of the rule. Rules suspended.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Bowditch District. — Martha T. Howes, assistant, Primary School.

Frothingham District. — Ella M. Donkin, assistant, Grammar School.

Wells District. — Mary A. Leavens, assistant, Primary School.

Plummer Kindergarten. — Mabel J. Houlahan, assistant.

Rules suspended.

Approved, under a suspension of the rule.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

Lewis District. — Sara C. Linscott, assistant, Grammar School, on probation, to the same position in the Everett District, on probation, to date from Dec. 19, 1898.

Rules suspended.

Approved, under a suspension of the rule.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Leaves of absence granted; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Charlestown High School. — Elizabeth G. Dowd, assistant, from Jan. 6, 1899, until May 6, 1899; Nellie I. Simpson, substitute.

Agassiz District. — Alice B. White, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 2, 1899, until May 2, 1899; James H. Gormley, substitute.

Bennett District. — Edith H. Jones, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 2, 1899, until May 2, 1899; Helena D. Smith, substitute.

Dearborn District. — M. Agnes Murphy, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 6, 1898, until March 6, 1899; Frances M. Campbell, substitute.

Emerson District. — Charlotte G. Ray, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 2, 1899, until May 2, 1899; Fannie M. Morris, substitute.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Edith M. Martine, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 2, 1899, until May 2, 1899; Margaret A. Page, substitute.

Harvard District. — Elizabeth W. Allen, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 21, 1898, until March 1, 1899; Helen DeS. Regan, substitute.

Lewis District. — Isabel Thacher, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 2, 1899, until May 2, 1899; Josephine P. Poole, substitute.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto:

Re-appointments of Temporary Teachers.

Re-appointments of temporary teachers.

English High School. — Frank E. Poole, junior-master, from Jan. 16, 1899.

Bunker Hill District. — Marcella C. Coyle, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 9, 1899.

Chapman District. — Lilian G. Farmer, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 9, 1899.

Christopher Gibson District. — Isabel M. Horsford, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 2, 1899.

Dearborn District. — Annie L. Coffey, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 10, 1899.

Hancock District. — Mary E. O'Hare, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 9, 1899.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Helen L. Bradford, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 9, 1899.

Quincy District. — Evelyn E. Kelley, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 9, 1899.

Washington Allston District. — Grace G. Johnson, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 9, 1899.

Rules suspended.

The employment of the teachers named was approved, under a suspension of the rules.

The report of the Superintendent of teachers appointed to these positions was placed on file.

Leave of absence granted Sarah H. Hosmer. Rules suspended.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted the following-named teacher for the term specified, under a suspension of the rule:

Hugh O'Brien District. — Sarah H. Hosmer, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 2, 1899, until Aug. 31, 1899.

Subsequently the Superintendent presented the following appointment:

ON PROBATION.

Appointment of Bremen E. Sinclair, sub-master. Rules suspended.

Emerson District. — Bremen E. Sinclair, sub-master, from Jan. 2, 1899.

Approved, under a suspension of the rule.

The Superintendent presented the following:

Report of Superintendent; Spanish language to be taught and studied in High Schools. [See p. 574.]

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
Dec. 27, 1898.

To the School Committee, Boston, Mass.:

In response to the order passed Nov. 22, 1898, "That the Board of Supervisors be requested to consider and report on the expediency of teaching the Spanish language in the public schools":

I have to report that, after having considered the question, the Board of Supervisors recommends:

That the Spanish language be added to the list of foreign languages which may be taught and studied in the High Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Chairman of Board of Supervisors.

Placed on file.

Report of Superintendent; completion of Grammar School course in less than regular number of years. [See p. 551.]

The Superintendent presented the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
Dec. 27, 1898.

To the School Committee, Boston, Mass.:

In response to the order passed Nov. 8, 1898, "That the Superintendent be requested to consider and report upon a more gen-

eral extension in the Grammar and Primary Schools of provisions enabling the brighter children to complete the course in less than the regular number of years":

I have to report that the order was submitted to the Board of Supervisors for consideration, and the conclusions of that Board are expressed in the following statement:

"Experience has shown that under the conditions existing in our schools, most children need nine years to do the work laid out in our course of study, according to the standards that have been set. Several hundred children complete the course in less than nine years, and about as many require a longer time. It is probable that in the case of some of those graduating in less than nine years, concessions are made in applying the standards. But such concessions are probably more general in the case of those who go more slowly.

"The shortening of time is accomplished in various ways. In 1894 a four years' course of study for the grammar schools was adopted. This course has been put in operation in a number of schools, and many children are moving more rapidly in consequence. In some schools time is gained by shortening the primary course, groups from the kindergarten, or those specially selected, doing the primary work in two years. In other schools, the most forward of the children entering the grammar school are at once put upon fifth-grade work, thus saving a year.

"Another method, less formal, but reaching a much larger number of children, is continual readjustment going on in all the grades, by which children showing ability to do more advanced work are given opportunity in higher classes. This process is not new, but has received new impetus from the adoption of the four years' course, and from the earnest words of the Superintendent, in his report for the year 1895.

"This method is available when the four years' course is not practicable, but it calls for a more intimate knowledge of individual pupils by all the teachers, and for more constant vigilance of the principals. To increase this knowledge and this vigilance seems likely to prove most effective in accomplishing the end suggested by the query of the Committee, namely, the more rapid advancement of the bright pupils. As teachers come to recognize more fully the capacity and needs of individuals, the interests of all will be more carefully conserved. The personal efforts of the Supervisors are unremittingly directed to this end.

"But the formidable difficulty pointed out in the report referred to above still remains. So long as the size of the classes remains as it is, so long will individuals suffer. All teachers find it difficult, most teachers find it impossible, to acquire that accurate knowledge of their individual pupils which is necessary for most effective work. The so-called 'bright' pupils, however,

are not those who suffer most. For them the limitations are only temporary, and when these are removed native ability soon asserts itself, and they speedily find their proper places. But for those whose development is slow, the loss of individual attention in direction and help at this critical period of their school life is irreparable.

"While we believe in hastening the progress of pupils so far as is wise, we would not wish it understood that we have any sympathy with the thought that the grammar-school course of study is a necessary evil to be reduced to a minimum, and that membership in a grammar school is a situation of peril, from which children should be rescued at the earliest moment.

"The excellence of a grammar school is not tested by the number of pupils who are hurried through it, but by its work in developing the characters of all its members. There are schools in the city in which pupils could hardly stay too long.

"It is the opinion of the Board of Supervisors that no further legislation is necessary."

Accordingly, I report recommending no further legislation at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

Placed on file.

Communication from Superintendent; number of pupils to be admitted to Normal School, to be limited.

The Superintendent presented a communication containing certain recommendations made by him with regard to limiting the number of pupils to be admitted to the Normal School.

Mr. Strange moved that the communication be printed and referred to the next School Board.

Mr. Courtney moved as an amendment that the communication be referred to the Committee on the Normal School of the next School Board.

Mr. Courtney's motion to amend was lost.

Mr. Strange's motion passed.

The Superintendent presented the following:

Report of Superintendent on dispensing with afternoon sessions of Aberdeen District Primary School. [See p. 577.]

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Dec. 15, 1898.

To the School Committee, Boston, Mass.:

On the order, dated Nov. 22, 1898, and referred to me, providing "That the afternoon session of the Aberdeen Primary School in

the Bennett District, be dispensed with, and that the morning session continue from nine o'clock A.M. to two o'clock P.M.," I ask leave to submit the following report:

In the Aberdeen Primary School at the present time there are twenty (20) children, ten from the Aberdeen district proper and ten from other parts of the Bennett District. The parents of the former signed a petition for one session from nine o'clock A.M., to one o'clock P.M. It appears that some of those who signed that petition would not be satisfied with a five-hour session lasting until two o'clock. It appears further that some of the parents living outside of the Aberdeen District proper are opposed to one session in any case, whether it be a session of four hours or a session of five hours. There is not that unanimity of opinion amongst the parents which would seem necessary to justify the proposed departure from the Regulations. Accordingly, it appears to me that the order referred to ought not to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Street in front of Dudley School-house to be asphalted.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to asphalt the street in front of the Dudley School-house.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to H. S. Dudley, for Denison House Association.

Ordered, That there be paid to H. S. Dudley for the Denison House Association, the sum of twenty-five dollars ($25) for cleaning and heating the Denison House Kindergarten from Sept. 6, 1898, to Dec. 23, 1898.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on School Houses; use of school halls for local chamber concerts. [See p. 598.]

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Dec. 27 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor relative to the use of school-halls for the local chamber concerts which the Music Commission has been giving in different parts of the city, reported that they have considered the matter, and have no objection to the use

of school-halls for the purpose, where such use will not interfere with the regular work of the public schools.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on New Buildings; expenditures and school accommodations.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on New Buildings, presented the following report:

The Rules provide that the Committee on New Buildings shall annually, in the month of December, report to the Board in detail the expenditures made during the year for new school-house accommodations, with their opinion as to the condition and adequacy of existing school-house accommodations, and recommendations as to future needs. In compliance therewith, the following report is now submitted, which has been prepared after careful inquiry into the existing conditions in each school district. The scope of this report is not intended to embrace recommendations with regard to needed repairs, except in so far as they involve new construction, or additions to old buildings, which come within the province of your committee. The omission of any reference to certain districts is not to be construed as evidence that the accommodations in such districts are ample, but rather that in the opinion of the committee their needs are not as pressing as those referred to in this report, the length of which it is desired to bring within reasonable limits.

EXPENDITURES.

The following table shows in detail the expenditures made for new school-house accommodations under the authority granted by the Legislature for the year ended Dec. 1, 1898:

Temporary wooden building, Frothingham yard....	$2,695 94
" " " Noble yard.....	2,699 77
" " " Old Gibson yard.....	2,618 87
" " " Morton-street yard....	2,599 97
" " buildings, heating.....	1,200 00
" " " furnishing.....	1,686 04
Webster-avenue Primary School-house.....	9,115 59
Baker-street Primary School-house.....	3,106 55
Dorchester High School-house.....	10,071 36
West Roxbury High School-house (addition).....	38,011 30
Paul Revere School-house.....	106,844 58
Bowditch School-house (addition).....	8,075 53
Thomas N. Hart Primary School-house.....	7,729 36
Roger Clap School-house.....	539 98
Mary Hemenwa School-house.....	49,075 73
Longfellow School-house.....	5,958 30
Carried forward.....	$252,028 87

Brought forward	$252,028 87
Mayhew School-house	39,768 92
Vernon-street School-house	29,360 92
Benjamin Cushing School-house	11,230 67
South Boston High School-house	6,071 98
East Boston High School-house	5,318 41
Munroe-street Primary School-house	1,180 77
Forest Hills Primary School-house	2,690 10
Vernon-street, furnishing	3,584 64
Mary Hemenway, furnishing	12,000 00
Mayhew, furnishing	5,880 30
Benjamin Cushing, furnishing	4,687 18
Gilbert Stuart, furnishing	17 73
Brighton High, furnishing	1,996 58
Longfellow, furnishing	3,940 74
New Bowdoin, furnishing and electric fixtures	3 36
Genesee-street, furnishing	90 12
East Boston High School-house, site	63,108 77
Quincy and Perth streets, site	16,841 76
West End, Primary School-house, site	24,299 34
South Boston High School-house, site	8,012 87
Elm-street Charlestown, Primary School-house, site,	10,291 40
New Primary School-house, Charlestown, site	9 13
Dillaway Lot, grading	625 85
William H. Kent, Moulton street, grading	2,076 50
Gilbert Stuart, grading	4,181 19
Old Gibson School-house lot, grading	478 00
Cudworth lot, grading	6,772 09
Old Gibson School-house, enlargement of lot	5,510 08
George Putnam lot, enlargement	9,584 50
	$531,642 77

During the year the following new buildings have been placed under contract:

High School-houses. — South Boston; East Boston; Dorchester; West Roxbury (addition); Mechanic Arts High School-house (addition).

Grammar School-houses. — Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester (about to be placed under contract); Bowditch School-house (two-room addition).

Primary School-houses. — Baker street, West Roxbury; Forest Hills; Thomas N. Hart District, South Boston; Webster avenue, Brighton; Munroe street, Roxbury, and four temporary buildings, all of which latter have been completed and occupied.

Normal and High Schools. — Little that is new can be said with regard to the condition of the Normal School. For years the

necessity of providing a proper building for this school has been urged, but no steps have been taken for its relief; we are encouraged to believe, however, that with the question of its future definitely settled, it will be possible to obtain the necessary funds to make adequate provision for its needs.

During the years 1897–1901 the sum of $1,350,000 is to be expended for additional High and Latin School accommodations, and we have, therefore, no recommendations to make with regard to such schools at the present time.

FIRST DIVISION. — EAST BOSTON.

While no children of school age in East Boston are reported as being excluded from school on account of lack of room for their accommodation, nearly 200 are housed in hired buildings, and 50 more are in quarters not intended for use as class-rooms.

Chapman District. — As long ago as 1894, attention was called to the advisability of enlarging the lot of the Chapman School and constructing a six-room wing to the present building, to correspond with the wing built a number of years ago. This school-house should also be remodeled, the corridors widened, the stairs rebuilt, suitable sanitaries provided for the boys, and a system of heating and ventilation installed.

Emerson District. — This district is rapidly growing, and additional accommodations are greatly needed. A two-room temporary building has recently been erected in the yard of the Noble School on Princeton street, but an eight-room primary building should be constructed east of the railroad track in the neighborhood of the chapel on Bennington street, and thus relieve the pressure in the Emerson, Noble and Blackinton Schools, which are now overcrowded.

Lyman District. — The Webb School-house on Porter street, which was surrendered to the City Council when the Cudworth School was occupied, has again been acquired for school purposes, and will for the present at least provide for the needs of this district.

SECOND DIVISION. — CHARLESTOWN.

In Charlestown 34 children are unable to gain admittance to the primary schools; 57 kindergarten children are in hired rooms and 56 grammar pupils are accommodated in the hall of the Harvard School-house, a portion of which has recently been fitted up for the purpose.

Warren District. — An order has been passed recently by the Board for the taking of a lot adjoining the present grammar building, containing about 16,429 square feet, on which it is proposed to erect a new eight-room primary school-house. When this is completed it will be possible to discontinue the use of the

present Cross-street building and provide ample primary school accommodations for this district for years to come. This school-house is a small two-room building, out of repair, with no yard room, inadequate ventilation and sanitary arrangements, and so old that even the date of its erection has long been forgotten.

The Mead-street School-house, built in 1847, should at least be enlarged, so as to afford each pupil more breathing space.

THIRD DIVISION. — NORTH AND WEST ENDS.

Notwithstanding the fact that the new Paul Revere School-house on Prince street, containing eighteen rooms, will be occupied early in 1899, the need of new school-houses in the old North End is urgent, and in the West End (also included in this division) the rapid increase in the school population, and the number of pupils housed in hired buildings, warrant the recommendation of the Division Committee that a new district should be formed in this division at an early date. In November last, 69 primary and 184 kindergarten children were excluded from school from lack of accommodations, 853 grammar, primary and kindergarten children were in hired rooms, and 97 grammar pupils were housed in halls, corridors, or other places not intended for class occupancy.

Bowdoin District. — It would be desirable to enlarge two rooms in the Sharp School-house, which could be done at comparatively small expense.

Eliot District. — We recommend the erection of a large primary building, to contain fourteen or sixteen rooms, on the site now occupied by the Ware School-house on North Bennet street. This building was erected in 1852, is old, worn out, and should be replaced by a modern structure. It contains five rooms, four of which are in use for school purposes. There is now a sufficient number of pupils in hired buildings to occupy nine rooms of a new building, and by relieving other classes in the district from their crowded condition, another room could be immediately filled. Judging of the future increase by that of the past, there is no doubt that at least four more rooms would be needed on the date of the completion of the proposed building.

Phillips District. — The present grammar building is badly overcrowded in the endeavor to keep boys from the streets, and twelve primary pupils are now awaiting admission to a school of that grade. Two additional rooms are now needed for the proper accommodation of grammar pupils, and another room is needed for primary children in this district.

In this connection we again call attention to the Chardon-court building. This school-house, built in 1864, is three stories high, and contains six rooms. Its location is poor, its general unfitness has been repeatedly stated, and we believe the acquirement

of a new site and the construction of a new building to take the place of this structure to be of pressing importance. The expense will undoubtedly be considerable, but we feel that this building should not be occupied for school purposes longer than is absolutely necessary.

Wells District. — The new Mayhew School-house, containing fourteen rooms, and occupied in February, 1898, has afforded much needed relief in this district, which shows an increase of 260 grammar and 726 primary pupils since 1890. It is probable that some additional accommodations for pupils of these grades will be needed in September, 1899. There are now 40 grammar pupils in the hall of the Wells School-house, and a large number of kindergarten pupils cannot be accommodated at the present time.

FOURTH DIVISION. — CITY PROPER.

But eight grammar and six kindergarten children are excluded from the schools in this division on account of lack of room, and no expense is incurred for outside accommodations.

Undoubtedly the most pressing need in this division is for a new building to replace the old Brimmer School-house. This structure, one of the oldest in the city, was erected in 1843, and has outlived its usefulness. Its halls and stairways are narrow, no clothes-rooms are provided, and its style and construction belong to a past generation.

Of equal importance, perhaps, is the question of the future of the Winthrop School, which has been discussed to some extent for a number of years. At the meeting of December 13 an order was passed that this committee consider the advisability of surrendering the Winthrop School to the City Council, and consolidating the present districts in the Fourth Division, so as to provide for one less district in that division. The importance of this matter warrants very full and careful investigation. We will, therefore, report later with regard to the whole situation in this division.

FIFTH DIVISION. — SOUTH END.

Taken as a whole, the situation in the Fifth Division with regard to school accommodations, needs little comment. No children are reported as unable to gain admission to grammar or primary schools, but 50 kindergarten children are excluded from lack of room.

Sherwin District. — There are 30 primary children in a small room intended for use as a storeroom in the Sherwin Building, who should be otherwise accommodated. There is but one primary school-house in this district, viz.: the Ira Allen School on Leon street. This building was built in 1851, and an addition

erected in 1881. It is in poor condition and should be abandoned for school use. The erection of a new eight-room primary building on the same site would accommodate the classes now in the present building, the class in Day's Chapel, and about 50 kindergarten children now seeking school accommodations in this district.

SIXTH DIVISION. — SOUTH BOSTON.

In South Boston, 15 primary and 10 kindergarten children are reported as being on the waiting list; 40 primary and 109 kindergarten pupils are housed in hired buildings; and 186 grammar pupils while in regular school buildings are not provided with class-rooms. There are six unoccupied school-rooms in this division, but unfortunately they are not properly located to relieve the conditions we have briefly described. We call attention especially to two districts in this division.

Bigelow District. — It is a serious disadvantage to any school to be deprived of the use of the hall, by reason of its occupancy for class purposes, which has been the case with the Bigelow School for two years. We recommend the construction of a four-room addition to this building, and that at the same time the present building be remodeled in some respects, its ventilation improved, and a new set of sanitaries installed. This school-house is nearly fifty years old, and needs extensive repairs.

Gaston District. — There are now 15 children of primary age on the waiting list, and additional accommodations for such pupils are greatly needed. We think that the best plan would be to construct a four-room addition to the present grammar building. This would not only afford the required primary facilities needed, but permit the removal to a regular class-room of the pupils now in the hall of that school-house.

SEVENTH DIVISION. — ROXBURY.

The situation in certain districts of this division has long been recognized as needing attention, and at the final meeting of the Board in 1897 the committee in charge presented a very full report on the subject, which embraced a number of suggestions of great value. A recent canvass shows that 113 primary and 32 kindergarten children are debarred from school privileges from lack of accommodations; 210 primary and 223 kindergarten children are in hired rooms, and 438 children of various grades are in halls, corridors and other places not intended for class occupancy. It should be stated, however, that such of these conditions as apply to the Lewis and Hugh O'Brien Districts will be materially relieved by the construction of a new grammar building on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, and by the erection of a new eight-room primary school-house on Munroe street, Roxbury, on both of which work will soon be begun.

Dearborn District. — In this district 38 primary children have been excluded from lack of room, but it is proposed to hire temporary accommodations for their benefit immediately. The grammar pupils are very much crowded, there being only 14 regular school-rooms for 17 classes, necessitating the placing of two classes in the hall of the grammar school-house and one in the primary building. A new grammar building will be needed within a short time.

George Putnam District. — No children of grammar or primary school age are reported as excluded from school from lack of room, but some of the grammar classes are crowded, 59, 60, 61, and 62 pupils being in rooms designed to accommodate but 56, and 49 pupils are now in the hall of the grammar building. A large amount of land in the vicinity of the George Putnam School-house is now being built up rapidly, and we would recommend the erection of a new eight-room primary building in this district at an early date. Better quarters should also be provided for the kindergarten now situated in an old building on Byron court.

Martin District. — The present grammar building is better adapted for the use of primary than of grammar pupils. The rooms are small and do not permit the regular complement of 56 desks being placed therein. A new fourteen-room grammar building should be erected on Parker Hill or in that vicinity, and the present building used for primary, kindergarten and manual training classes. There are now 50 primary children excluded from school, 56 kindergarten children are in hired rooms, and the hall of the grammar building is utilized for a class of 35 pupils. The erection of a new building as herein suggested would also in some degree benefit the Lowell District.

EIGHTH DIVISION. — WEST ROXBURY AND BRIGHTON.

The number of children on the waiting list in this division is very small, there being but 7, all of whom are of grammar school age, in the Longfellow District. There are, however, nearly 300 pupils of various grades in hired rooms, and 40 more are in the hall oft he William Wirt Warren School-house on Waverley street. Three primary buildings are now in course of construction in this division, viz.: Webster avenue, eight rooms; Baker street, four rooms; and Walk Hill street, four rooms; but immediate attention should be given to the needs of the Bennett District in accordance with the recommendation which follows:

Bennett District. — The primary buildings in the central portion of the district are altogether insufficient to properly accommodate the pupils now in attendance, to say nothing of the future growth. We believe that the Winship School-house should be replaced by a modern twelve-room building as soon as sufficient funds are available for the purpose. This structure was erected in 1861, and its condition is such that, in our judgment, it would

not be advisable to undertake the extensive repairs necessary to put it into proper condition for continued occupancy. The erection of a new building of proper capacity on this site would accommodate the needs of the district for many years to come, and permit the abandonment of the Union-street School, and the sale of the 67,280 square feet, which the latter lot contains, would probably realize a sum that would materially reduce the cost of the new building herein recommended.

Washington Allston District. — As previously stated, forty pupils are now in the hall of the William Wirt Warren School-house at North Brighton, and an addition to this building of another story would be very desirable, although not absolutely necessary for the present.

The condition of the Auburn primary building on School street is poor, and it should be replaced by a new six-room building before many years.

NINTH DIVISION. — DORCHESTER.

The school population of Dorchester increases faster than in any other portion of the city, and it is difficult to keep pace with the demand for additional school accommodations. Recent inquiry shows that 94 grammar, primary and kindergarten children are unable to gain admission to the various schools, 223 pupils are in hired rooms, and 305 pupils pursue their studies in halls, corridors, etc., not intended for use as class-rooms. There are now eleven unoccupied rooms, two of which will soon be needed for occupancy, one is unfit for use and the remaining eight are not so situated as to be available at present.

Roger Clap District. — The grammar building for this district, completed in November, 1896, has been crowded from the date of its occupancy, when there were 64 applicants for admission in excess of the seating capacity of the building. There are now 110 pupils in hired rooms, 110 not accommodated in regular class-rooms, and at least four additional rooms are now urgently needed to relieve the pressure. The committee believe that a new fourteen-room grammar school-house would be none too large to meet the needs of this district, and that upon its completion the present building should be devoted to primary purposes for which it was originally designed.

Tileston District. — The situation in this district is practically the same as when the committee in charge reported in December, 1897, that all the school-rooms were crowded, and children were prevented from attending school for this reason, and also on account of the great distance from their homes to the school-houses. At the present time, 61 pupils are in hired rooms, and 30 children are in the hall of the grammar building. This district is, territorially, one of the largest in the city,

and is being built up rapidly. In the judgment of this committee, two grammar buildings will be required within five years to accommodate the school population in this section. It would certainly be to the advantage of the city to acquire a site for a new building without delay, and we recommend that a suitable lot be obtained as soon as possible, and a twelve-room grammar school-house erected thereon.

SUMMARY.

Some of the facts ascertained by the committee in their recent investigation, upon which this report is based, may be briefly summarized as follows:

		Total.
Number of children excluded from school because of lack of room:		
Grammar	8	
Primary	238	
Kindergarten	282	
		528
Number of pupils in hired rooms:		
Grammar	576	
Primary	855	
Kindergarten	817	
		2,248
Number of pupils in halls, corridors, etc., not intended for use as class-rooms (Normal, Latin and High Schools not included)		1,267

In a report presented to the Board at the meeting of November 8, your committee included a statement, showing all the appropriations made from the various amounts granted by the Legislature for new school buildings and sites, and called attention to the fact that no additional funds are available after the current year for the building of new grammar or primary school-houses. Your committee also stated that the amount paid this year for hired rooms and buildings will approximate $30,000, or four per cent. on $750,000, and recommended that application be made to the Legislature for authority to expend $500,000 annually during the ensuing five years for additional grammar and primary school accommodations. The average annual increase in the number of children in school during the five years, 1892–97, has been 2,002, and for the past year the total increase in the number belonging has been 3,445, of whom 1,323 belonged to the grammar, 1,250 to the primary schools, and 510 to the kindergartens, a total of 3,083 for these schools. To accommodate these pupils would take, as stated in the latest report of the Superintendent, two grammar school-houses, and enough primary school-houses of various sizes to contain thirty-five rooms.

During the five years, 1890–95, the average expenditure for school accommodations for each additional pupil belonging was $266.86. For 3,083 additional pupils at this rate, the expenditure would be $822,729.38. For the three years, 1895–98, during which time all new buildings, with the exception of those already begun under the administration of the former City Architect, have been built under the direction of the School Committee, from funds granted by the Legislature, the cost for each additional pupil has averaged $234.46, or a decrease in the rate per pupil of $32.40 from that of the preceding five years, but the rental paid for hired buildings has increased. The expenditure for 3,083 additional pupils at this rate would amount to $722,840.18. Should the annual increase in the number of pupils during the succeeding five years average but 2,000, as was the case during the five years, 1892–97, the expenditure for new buildings, to provide for that number at the rate which has prevailed since 1895, would amount to nearly $470,000 annually.

Your committee, therefore, believe that their estimate, that $500,000 should be annually expended during the following five years for new grammar and primary accommodations, has been made on a conservative basis, and that at least that amount is needed for such purposes.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on the Annual Report, it was

Ordered, That 2,000 copies of the Report of the Committee on the Annual Report for 1898 be printed.

Edition of Report of Committee on Annual Report.

Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on Truant Officers, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Document No. 13, 1898.)

Annual Report of Committee on Truant Officers

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, it was

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to take such action as shall cause licensed minors to receive badges which shall show the year of issue, the number of the corresponding license, a letter or device indicating the nature of the occupation in which the licensee is engaged, and to also cause the shape or style of such badges to be changed from year to year in order that it may be determined by casual inspection whether or not the wearers possess valid, unexpired licenses.

Badges for licensed minors.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Gardner P. Balch. [See p. 591.]

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Dec. 13 — an order that Gardner P. Balch, sub-master in the Eliot District, be placed upon the third year of service in his rank, to date from Sept. 6, 1898, reported that your committee have carefully considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Gardner P. Balch, sub-master in the Eliot District, be placed upon the second year of service in his rank, to date from Sept. 6, 1898.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of janitor of Paul Revere School.

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Paul Revere School be fixed at the rate of eighteen hundred dollars ($1,800) per annum, from Jan. 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Abatement of tuition of Kate L. Sanborn.

Ordered, That the amount paid by Miss Ada G. Sanborn, of Allston, Mass., for tuition from Sept. 1, 1898, to Feb. 1, 1899, of Kate L. Sanborn in the Washington Allston School, viz.: fifteen and $\frac{77}{100}$ dollars ($15.77) be abated; said pupil having been granted permission to attend without payment of tuition.

Report of Committee on Accounts; estimates and expenses for financial year 1898–99.

Mr. Allen, for the same committee, presented the following:

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON STREET, Dec. 27, 1898.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the estimates as approved under date of December 28, 1897, together with the expenses incurred for the financial year 1898–99. The estimates and expenses herein given are exclusive of the cost for repairs, and the expenditures incurred for new school-houses.

Object of Appropriation.	Estimate for Year.	Expenses for Year.	Balance Unexpended.
Salaries of Instructors.....	$1,964,000	$1,963,255 18	$744 82
Salaries of Officers.....	71,300	70,645 28	654 72
Salaries of Janitors.....	148,000	147,777 48	222 52
Fuel, Gas and Water	103,000	102,935 86	64 14
Supplies and Incidental Ex.....	153,700	138,332 93	15,367 07
	$2,440,000	$2,422,946 73	$17,053 27

As compared with last year:

Salaries of Instructors increased	$146,037 18
Salaries of Officers increased.....	1,260 28
Salaries of Janitors increased.....	8,557 19
Fuel, Gas and Water increased.....	6,919 57
Supplies and Incidentals increased	7,571 31
Increase for the year.....	$170,345 53

Under the recent law limiting the expenditures of the School Committee, the sum of $2,450,589 (being $2,700,589 less $250,000 allowed for repairs, etc.) was granted for the items above enumerated, being $10,589 more than the amount estimated by the School Committee as needed.

This amount added to the unexpended balance as shown above leaves a surplus of $27,642.27 to be carried forward to next year's expenses.

The income estimated for the year was $36,000; this amount may be slightly increased which will add still further to this year's balance available for expenditure the coming year.

Placed on file.

Mr. Allen offered the following:

Second sub-master in Emerson District.

Ordered, That a second sub-master be allowed in the Emerson District.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of Rules; School Faculty.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the report and order relative to the proposed School Faculty (see Minutes, pp. 554, 555) were taken from the table.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Strange moved that the order be referred to the next School Board.

Lost.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of the order.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The order was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bassett, Burrill, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Hubbard, and Lowell. — 7.

Nays: Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Bateman, Bowdlear, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Eaton, Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Nichols, Paul and Strange. — 16.

Absent: Mr. Anderson.

Report of Committee on Sixth Division; naming of new Primary School-house, Thomas N. Hart District. [See pp. 511, 520.]

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on the Sixth Division to whom was referred — Nov. 8 — an order that the new Primary School-house in the Thomas N. Hart District, South Boston, be named the Liberty D. Packard School, in honor of the late Dr. Packard, reported that they have carefully considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the new Primary School-house in the Thomas N. Hart District be named the Liberty D. Packard School in honor of the late Dr. Packard.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the order was referred to the next School Board.

Report of Committee on Evening Schools; exhibition of work of Evening Drawing Schools. [See pp. 592, 593.]

Mr. Paul, for the Committee on Evening Schools, to whom was referred — Dec. 13 — an order that in place of a general exhibition of the work of the Evening Drawing Schools, there be substituted this year local exhibitions in each of the five Evening Drawing Schools, reported that they have carefully considered the matter and believe that it would be desirable to so amend the Regulations as to provide for such local exhibitions

from year to year. They therefore recommend that the Committee on Rules and Regulations of the following Board give this matter their consideration. Inasmuch as the order referred to your committee relates particularly to the present term of such schools, they now recommend the passage of the following order, leaving the general question to be decided by their successors:

Ordered, That the operation of the provisions of section 332 of the Regulations, so far as they require the holding of a general exhibition of the work of the Evening Drawing Schools, be suspended, and that there be substituted this year for such general exhibition, local exhibitions in each of the five Evening Drawing Schools, the dates thereof to be fixed by the Master of the Evening Drawing Schools.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Burrill, it was

Ordered, That all unfinished business at the close of this meeting be referred to the next School Board. Unfinished business referred.

Mr. Calderwood offered the following:

Ordered, That the thanks of the Board be presented to Mr. Henry D. Huggan, the President of the Board, for the able, dignified and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Board. Vote of thanks to President of Board.

Mr. Bassett in the chair.

The order passed unanimously by a rising vote.

The President in the chair.

The President responded briefly and courteously.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the Board adjourned *sine die*.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

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